

TWELVE PALMS MEMORIAL

ON MARCH 17, 1919, THE CLEOPHAN CLUB DEDICATED 12 PALM TREES, PLANTED IN A FORMER BILOXI CITY PARK, TO THE MEMORY OF TWELVE YOUNG BILOXI MEN THAT LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING WORLD WAR I.

THIS PLAQUE AND THE TWELVE PALM TREES IN THIS PARK ARE TO RE-DEDICATE AND HONOR THOSE TWELVE BILOXI SERVICEMEN. THEIR NAMES FOLLOW:

HONOREES

CHARLES L. BAUDRY, SERGEANT, U. S. ARMY
WILLIAM HAENNS, PRIVATE
CHESTER WESLEY HAYES
CLARENCE AVNER NELSON
CHARLES STEPHEN NICOVICH, SERGEANT, U. S. ARMY
JOHN J. PRICE

WALTER N. QUAVE, CORPORAL, U. S. ARMY
JAMES ROBERTS, PRIVATE, U. S. ARMY
ALFRED JAMES RUTHERFORD
GEORGE RYAN, PRIVATE
EDWIN WEIN, PRIVATE, U. S. ARMY
HENRY C. T. WURDEMANN, PRIVATE

“WE SHALL NOT SLEEP”

BY COL. J. C. McRAE

(Canadian Military Officer Buried In France)

(READ AT THE 1919 DEDICATION CEREMONY)

“TO YOU FROM FALLING HANDS WE THROW THE TORCH. BE YOURS TO HOLD IT HIGH, AND IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE, WE SHALL NOT SLEEP.”

NOTE: RECENT RESEARCH INDICATES THAT ADDITIONAL BILOXI SERVICEMEN LOST THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR I. TO THOSE MEN, WE ALSO OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

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