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## VETERANS HONORED TOMORROW

### War Memorial Unveiling, Dedication 10:30 At Courthouse

Formal dedication and unveiling of the Lea County war memorial located on the southwest corner of the courthouse block is planned from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 10. The ceremonies are planned under the auspices of Lovington American Legion Post # 68. Charlie Pappas announces. The memorial, a black granite structure, was over a year in the planning stages. Each war where Lea Countians lost their lives, World War I, World War II, Korean and the Vietnam war, are represented on the three black granite slabs. The full names and branches of service are included.

Among those taking part in the event will be representatives of Lea County Commission. The Commission provided monetary support for the project. A flyover by Confederate Air Force is scheduled and a group of Lovington High School band members will participate, Pappas notes. Taps will be played by a band member.

Pappas says that an attempt has been made to invite Gold Star mothers of this area, Legion Auxiliary members who have lost loved ones in war. American Legion honor

guards from Lovington, Hobbs, Eunice and Jal are expected to take part.

\* Dorris Yabro who originated the idea of the Memorial and has actively worked to gain support for the project, will make brief remarks, Pappas says. He is inviting everyone in Lea County to attend.

He emphasizes that the dedication will initiate a campaign by the American Legion to make Lovington, New Mexico, the leader in the nation in the number of flags waving over the community on special days with emphasis on the proper display of the American flag on national holidays and during designated events. "This is not a short term aim, however long it takes, we will get it done," he says. The idea was already in the planning stages before September 11, he adds. Fifty flags were on order a number of weeks ago and will soon be available, he concludes.



Noel E. Robbins  
World War I

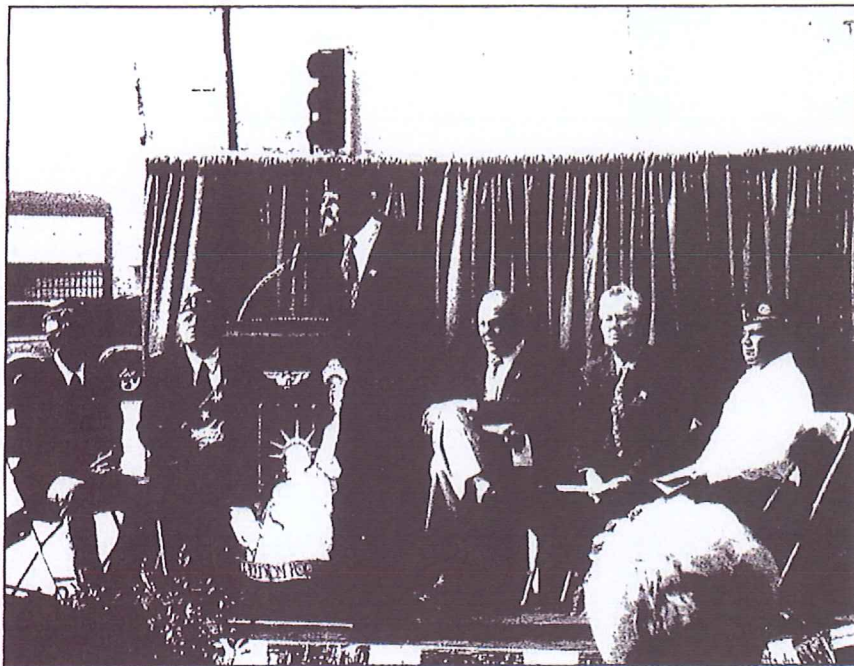
Among World War I veterans who served in the first World War was Noel E. Robbins who was born in Center Plains (Hale Center) Texas in 1895. He moved with his parents to the Midway community in 1905 where they homesteaded.

In 1910, his father died of pneumonia, leaving his wife and two sons, Finis and Noel, and a daughter, Eulalia (the late Eulalia Harbison). A daughter,

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## A Moving Tribute To Lea County Veterans Who Gave Their Lives



Area citizens paid tribute to those who have given their lives for their country Saturday during a Veterans Day remembrance and at the dedication of the Veterans War Memorial on the southwest corner of the Lea County Courthouse block. The black marble memorial was unveiled by a delegation of World War II veterans.

An estimated 200 persons attended the brief ceremonies and included National Guard, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, county and city officials. Dennis Holmberg, county manager, and Ken Batson, chairman of Lea County Commission were among speakers. A mixed honor guard of the Lovington and Hobbs American Legion and National Guard, raised the American flag.

A Piper Cub surveillance plane, in a fly over during ceremonies, left a formation of three planes, flying by to signify missing servicemen whose names are inscribed on the memorial.

Pappas, past commander of New Mexico Department, talked briefly about the significance of the War Memorial and described briefly a plan in which Lovington will fly the greatest percentage of flags per population on national and designated holidays than any other city in the nation. Flags to accomplish the plan are on order. In making the dedication, he commented that the 114 men whose names appear on the memorial, will be remembered for their sacrifices.

Dorris Yarbrow, retired Lovington history teacher, who initiated the idea of the memorial and worked with Pappas on the project, spoke briefly.

Representatives of families of honored veterans included Louis C. Frausto and Ruben O. Frausto, representing Margarito Frausto; Ruth E. Jones, representing Melvin L. Reid; and Ross Black, representing Olen C. Williams.

The Lovington High School band played The National Anthem and Keith Rall played taps.

### A SOLEMN MOMENT

Those participating in dedication ceremonies of a new war memorial Saturday on the courthouse square, listen attentively as Charles Pappas, past New Mexico Department commander, talks briefly about the significance of such a memorial. Pictured are: Jack Jennison, post commander; Charles Brown, district commander; Pappas; Ken Batson, chairman of Lea County Commission; Dennis Holmberg, county manager; and Albert Ontiveros, post chaplain. Dorris Yarbrow, who initiated the idea and spearheaded the drive to build the memorial, is seated behind Pappas.



### UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL

Unveiling of the Lea County veterans' war memorial on the southwest corner of the courthouse square took place Saturday morning following a brief ceremony and a missing man flyover by Confederate Air Force members. Pictured are Charles Pappas, past New Mexico commander; Albert Ontiveros, Post chaplain; Ed Ward, back to camera; Walter Beverly, J. A. Turner, Wilson Karshner and Ivan Patman, World War II veterans.



# Large Crowd Participates In Memorial Day Observance Monday



**RAISE THE FLAG**

A mixed honor guard of Lovington and Hobbs American Legion and National Guard, raise the flag at war memorial dedication services.



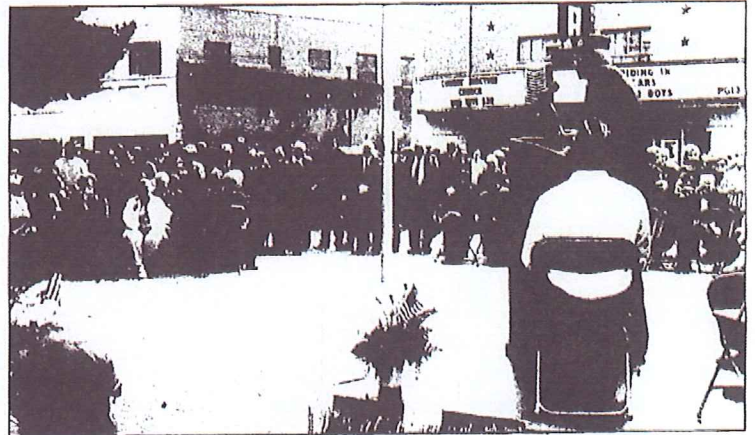
**MISSING MAN FORMATION**

A Piper Cub surveillance plane is shown during the ceremonies Saturday. The plane was one of three participating in the missing man formation. The plane left the formation, flying by during ceremonies to signify that missing servicemen's names will remain inscribed on the war memorial and that they remain in the hearts of family and friends in Lea County.



**PROJECT COMPLETED**

Charles Pappas and Dorris Yarbrow who have spent numerous hours on the Veterans' War Memorial project at Lea County courthouse, participated in the dedication ceremonies.



**PARTICIPATE IN UNVEILING**

A good crowd of about 200 observers was on hand Saturday morning to pay tribute to those from Lea County who gave their lives for freedom in wars of the past. A new war memorial was unveiled to honor those veterans.



