Massive monument to World War I coming to life in artist's Englewood studio will speak for a nation

Deep in the trenches

Sculptor Sabin Howard works in his studio on an enormous World War I monument that will be on display in Washington, D.C. The tableau is called "A Soldier's Journey." PHOTOS BY ANNE-MARIE CARUSO/NORTHJERSEY.COM

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"That's fitting for World War I," quipped artist's model Christian Ashdale. • It was a detached leg. • A casualty, not of war, but of the artistic process, explained Sabin Howard — the master sculptor behind an extraordinary First World War monument taking shape in Englewood. • "We're still redesigning on the fly now," said Howard, who on a recent Wednesday afternoon had that leg — literally — in hand. • A perfectly good leg. Or anyway, as good as a leg made of Styrofoam covered with a thin coating of Plasteline clay needs to be.

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