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An exceptional French 19th century patinated bronze statue signed P. Dubois and F. Barbedienne. The statue entitled *Le Courage Militaire*, is raised by a square base with a rounded front. Above is the handsome soldier seated on a wonderfully executed tree trunk where the signature is displayed while leaning on his sword at his side. He is wearing boots and a richly chased flowing garment under his impressive armor and a striking helmet with a dragon atop. He wears a powerful lion skin across his back with the paws tied at his torso.

Paul Dubois (18 July 1829 - 23 May 1905) was known predominantly for his work as a sculptor but was also a portrait painter. In 1865 and 1876, he was awarded a médaille d'honneur at the Salon des beaux-arts. In June 1867 he was named Chevalier (Knight) of the Légion d'honneur; in July 1874 he was named Officer of the Légion d'honneur; in July 1886 he was promoted to Commander of the Légion d'honneur; and in 1889 he was decorated with the Grand Croix (Grand Cross) of the Légion d'honneur.





