



## World War II Memorial Committee Project Sponsorship

Thank you for your interest in the World War II Memorial and Veterans Walk of Remembrance. The enclosed information contains a brief history of the project, as well as the various sponsorship opportunities and the forms you will need to complete for your paver/sponsorship.

### World War II Memorial

A history...

In late 2007, Phyllis Hull, at the request of numerous veterans and veterans' organizations within the community, approached the Wakefield Board of Selectmen regarding the deteriorating condition of the existing World War II memorial on the upper Common. As a result of that meeting, the Board authorized the creation of the World War II Memorial Committee to oversee the replacement of the existing memorial on the upper Common with a new granite memorial on the same site.

The committee has created a design and finalized plans for a granite memorial to honor and pay tribute to all Wakefield residents who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II. The Veterans Walk of Remembrance will lead up to the memorial and will recognize veterans, regardless of residency, who have been honored by family and friends through a contribution to the paver project fundraiser.

The project...

The project will consist of a **Memorial Wall of Honor** with five granite tablets containing the names of the 71 Wakefield citizens who lost their lives, along with the names of the other 2,466 citizens who served in World War II.

As a result of a suggestion from John Encarnacao and approved by the full committee an additional plan has also been finalized which includes a **Veterans Walk of Remembrance** around the memorial to honor and recognize the service of all veterans, not only those who served as a member of the armed forces during World War II. This Veterans Walk of Remembrance will have 520 individual granite pavers; each paver will be inscribed with the name, rank and branch of service of a service man or woman who has served, or is currently serving, in the Armed Forces.\* Each basic paver will be sponsored through a donation of \$300 (6" x 12") or \$500 (12" x 12"). Additional options are available.

*\*The honored veteran or current service man or woman does not have to be a resident of Wakefield to be recognized on the paver that will be placed in the Veterans Walk of Remembrance.*