

# Honoring Our Veterans

## Our Vision

The Veterans Memorial will be a symbol of the community's appreciation for the sacrifices that Wakefield residents made to protect and preserve our freedom. Not only will this permanent memorial and walk of remembrance serve as a reminder of that sacrifice, it will provide an educational opportunity for all.

It is hoped that the Wakefield Veterans Memorial will be the cornerstone of future expansion and Veteran recognition.



# Wakefield World War II Memorial



## Wall of Honor & Walk of Remembrance

Wakefield World War II Memorial Fund  
Town of Wakefield  
c/o Town Administrator  
William J. Lee Town Hall  
1 Lafayette Street  
Wakefield, MA 01880



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## World War II Memorial

In late 2007, at the request of numerous veterans and veterans' organizations, the Wakefield Board of Selectmen authorized that the World War II Memorial Committee be created 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.



## A History of the World War II Memorial

The Cpl Harry E. Nelson Post 63 originally dedicated the existing memorial on May 30, 1944. The memorial was rededicated after renovation on May 30, 1985. The wooden memorial has fallen into disrepair and will be replaced by a permanent granite memorial.

## Memorial Wall of Honor

The World War II Memorial Wall of Honor will have five granite monument tablets with five bronze plaques mounted on the granite tablets. Two thousand, four hundred and sixty-six (2,466) men and women of Wakefield served their country during World War II. The center bronze plaque will display the names of the 71 Wakefield citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in World War II. The other four bronze plaques will display the names of the 2395 other Wakefield men and women who served their country during World War II.

The committee hopes to have the new memorial completed by Memorial Day, 2011.

## Walk of Remembrance

An additional plan has also been finalized which includes a Walk of Remembrance around the memorial to honor and recognize the service of all veterans. This Walk of Remembrance will be comprised of 520 individual granite pavers that will be available to all who wish to make a contribution of \$300 or \$500 per paver. Each paver will be inscribed with the name, rank and branch of service of a family member or friend who has served, or is currently serving, in the Armed Forces. The location of the paver(s) on the Walk of Remembrance will be determined when each paver has been paid in full.\*

## How You Can Help

Several individuals, organizations and businesses have already made contributions to help reach the committee's goal of \$200,000. In addition to the corporate, business and individual sponsorships, a fundraising campaign is now underway for the sale of 12" x 12" (\$500) and 6" x 12" (\$300) individual granite pavers that will be part of a Walk of Remembrance.

## Walk of Remembrance Granite Pavers

To add a name to the Walk of Remembrance, complete the information below and return with your check made payable to the *Town of Wakefield World War II Memorial Fund* to the Town of Wakefield, c/o Town Administrator, William J. Lee Town Hall, 1 Lafayette Street, Wakefield, MA 01880.

**Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ granite paver(s) to honor a veteran or member of the armed forces.**

**12" x 12" granite paver \$500**  
**6" x 12" granite paver \$300**

*A partial nonrefundable deposit of \$100 per paver will also be accepted. Full payment must be made before the paver will be added to the Walk of Remembrance.*

Name of veteran(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pavers: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like more information on corporate and organizational sponsorship.**

\* The placement of the paver(s) will be determined in the order in which final payment has been received.

A complete packet of information will be provided when the paver order, with deposit, has been received.