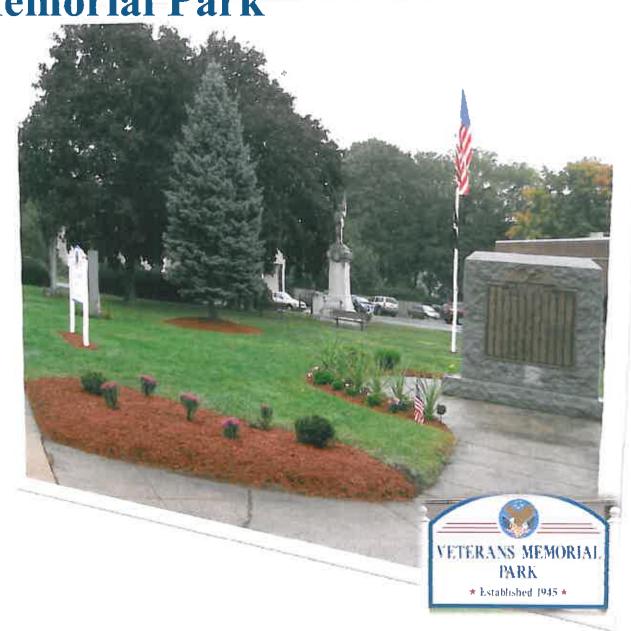
Veteran's Memorial Park

Location: Downtown, intersections of Whiting and Maple Street

Established in 1945
Veteran's Memorial
Park contains the
Persian Gulf War
Monument, Korean
and Vietnam War
Monument, World War
I and II Monument
and the Civil War
Monument



Korean and Vietnam War Monument

Dedicated: Memorial Day 1984

The monument reads:

"Dedicated in honor of the men and women of this community who served their country in Korea and Vietnam"

The monument has an eagle with spread wings above the inscription.





Persian Gulf War Monument

Dedicated May 27, 1991

The monument reads:

"In honor of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States to preserve freedom and liberty for all"

The monument has a relief of an eagle holding an olive branch with stars at the top.

World War I&II Monument & Plaque

Installed in 1943

Installed in 1943, this monument weighs 8 tons and stands 8 feet tall. The monument and plaque were donated at cost by Parkside Monuments, then of Plainville.

The monument reads:

"1917-1918 The Town of Plainville 1941-1945"

"In honor of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces during WW I and WW II. To the eternal memory of those who gave the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice"

As of May 1995, 10 corrections/additions were made to bring the plaque up to date. Dan Greniere of Barre, Vermont cleaned and coated the monument with preservatives and made the changes. One remaining rosette (of the original 6) was used as a casting pattern for replacements. Approximately 1,047 men and 30 women served, with 32 fatalities. There were conflicting lists at that time.

Funds for the restoration came from monies left over from the Towns 125th anniversary celebration.





Civil War Monument

The monument reads:

"In memory of the Defenders of the Flag" "1861-1865"

The monument stands 22 feet 2 inches plus 9 feet for the flag he holds. Designed and created by R.L McGovern in Hartford, it is made of Vermont granite. According to the company, the rounded letters (rather than square topped ones) and the fact "our boy" carries a banner rather than a gun makes him unique.

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Civil War Monument (cont.)

Originally detected on June 14, 1913 in Central Square on railroad property leased for that purpose, the statue was turned over to the towns people at that time. A fund to build such a monument was started soon after the Civil War ended, but for some reason it languished for many years in a bank account

The monument stood there until 1945 when the lease ran out. During its careful and loving move to Veterans Memorial Park, old coins and a list of the original workers were found between the several sections of the monument. These items were replaced when it was reassembled on its new site.

Armed Forces Monument

Location:

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Farmington Avenue, Plainville CT West Cemetery, North Washington Street, Plainville, CT

Duplicate monuments were installed in these cemeteries in 1971. Funded by the American Legion and V.F.W. Posts, these are meant to be a centralized point for paying tribute to those who have given their lives while serving their country.

They measure 14" across the plaque which is mounted on stone, and cost \$600.00 each. "Forever Honored, Forever Mourned", "The men and women who served in the Armed Forces" is the inscription on both stones.

Each stone is located at the flag pole at the rear of the cemetery.



Olde East Street Burying Grounds before 1766 to 1856

Location: East Street, RT. 10, Plainville, CT

This marker fondly and respectfully commemorates for all time the contributions of our early citizens to the establishment of our Town's sturdy character.

Here lie our earliest settlers, sharing the green earth with honored dead, of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, civic leader's, businessmen, and farmers. Sadly,

here also lie a number of unrecorded persons who, though nameless, are no less honored. Time may obliterate records, dim memories and topple markers, but it can never diminish that which we, the citizens of Plainville Connecticut, owe these early dwellers of the "Great Plain".

This marker was erected through the efforts of the Plainville Cemetery Association and the Plainville Historical Society. It is metal on a stone from an old railroad bridge supplied by the White Oak Company. The marker is 30" high and 42" wide.

