



A Brief History of the WWII Memorial Park

In 1796 a blacksmith shop was built on the downtown site of what is now known as the World War II Memorial Park. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. James Howison presented the land to the town to be used as a WWII memorial. The thirteen arborvitae trees commemorate the lives of the thirteen men from Milford killed in the war and form a background for a fountain.

In 1948 the Milford Garden Club planted 13 arborvitae trees as a Living Memorial to honor the 13 men from Milford who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation.

In 1994 Milford's Chief of Police, Steven Sexton, designed the granite memorial wall which lists the names of all the men and women from Milford who served during World War II. The Milford Garden Club laid out the flower beds and continues to tend them.

This year, 2014 at a re-dedication ceremony, gold stars were engraved beside the names of the 13 heroes. The 13 arborvitae trees were taken down and replaced and a bronze plaque now stands in front of the monument with an explanation of the significance of the 13 trees and the gold stars.

Wreaths were laid out for the 13 men who lost their lives:

*Carl Kenneth Bowen, Jr.
Hartley William Harley
Cpl. Theodore Everett Hutchinson
Cpl. John Henry Keddy
George Warren Kimball
Pvt. William Wallace Girardin Maxwell
Capt. Harry Alfred Parker
Major Robert Titus Phillips
James Joseph Picard
Howard Edward Sanford
Cpl. Leroy Alfred Smith
Raymond Louis Smith
Alan Edward Stitham*