



# *Massachusetts* **VETERAN LEGACY TRAIL**





# Honoring Our History, Elevating Every Story

Massachusetts is home to more than 1,200 military and veteran memorials.

Presented by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS), the Veterans Legacy Trail is a statewide initiative of the MA250 commemoration that honors our Commonwealth's legacy of service.

The Trail includes both an interactive website and this companion brochure, which highlights 60 sites with maps, icons, and regional overviews.

We invite you to learn, reflect, and engage by exploring the guide and visiting our interactive website.



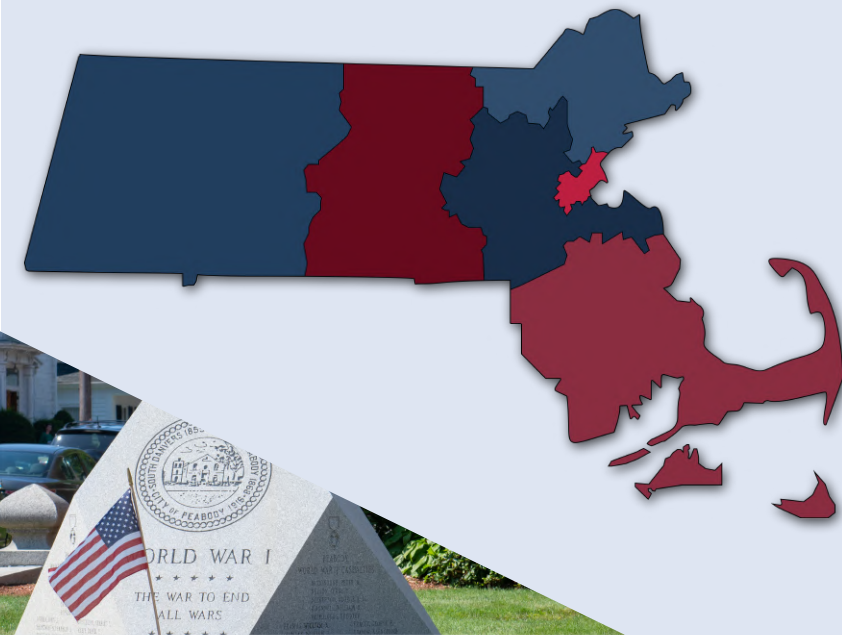
# MA 250

MA250—the Commonwealth's official contribution to America's Semiquincentennial—brings together local governments, historical organizations, cultural institutions, and community partners under the leadership of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

**Take the Journey: Explore All  
MA Memorials**



# DISCOVER THE HISTORY *of Massachusetts*



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## VETERANS TRAIL LEGEND



**Revolutionary War**



**Civil War**



**Spanish-American War**



**World War I**



**World War II**



**Korean War**



**Vietnam**



**Global War On Terror**



**All Wars Memorial**







# Greater BOSTON



## **Lexington Revolutionary War Monument**

1625 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA 02421

*Built in 1799, the Lexington Revolutionary War Monument is the nation's oldest intact war memorial.*



## **Old Powder House**

850 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144

*Built in 1704, this is the Commonwealth's oldest stone building and one of its first industrial sites. Seized during the 1774 "Powder Alarm," it now anchors Nathan Tufts Park in Somerville.*



## **Flag Defenders Monument**

Bell Rock Park, Malden, MA 02148

*Dedicated in 1910, this granite and bronze monument honors Malden's Civil War soldiers. The central figure defends the flag, symbolizing the courage and sacrifice of those who fought to preserve the Union.*



## **Minute Man Statue**

Minute Man National Historical Park, North Bridge, Concord, MA 01742

*Unveiled in 1875 at Concord's North Bridge, Daniel Chester French's statue honors the farmers who became soldiers on April 19, 1775—the day liberty was first defended.*



## **Burlington Massachusetts War Memorial Rolls of Honor**

2 Bedford St, Burlington, MA 01803

*Standing on the Town Common, these granite honor rolls list Burlington residents who served in America's wars, from the Revolution through today. The memorial serves as the town's central tribute to generations of service and sacrifice.*



## **Cambridge Common Monument**

Cambridge Terrace, Cambridge, MA 02140

*Completed in 1870, the Cambridge Civil War Monument, also referred to as the Civil War Memorial or the Lincoln Soldier Monument, includes a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to honor those who fought to preserve the union.*



## **Norwood Memorial Hall and Veterans Monuments**

566 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062

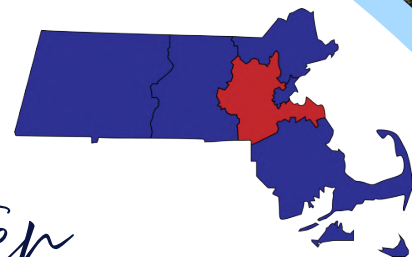
*Dedicated in 1928, this granite hall was built as a living memorial to Norwood's veterans. Inside, Mark Haffner's murals span America's wars from the Revolution through World War I, while outside stand multiple monuments honoring service across generations.*

On April 19, 1775, the first shots of the American Revolution were fired in Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts. **History has come to call this the 'shot heard 'round the world'.**





BY THE RUDE BRIDGE THAT  
ARCHED THE FLOOD,  
THEIR FLAG TO APRIL'S  
BREEZE UNFURLED,  
HERE ONCE THE EMBATTLED  
FARMERS STOOD,  
AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD  
ROUND THE WORLD.



## Greater BOSTON



### **Framingham Monument and Edgell Memorial Library**

3 Oak Street, Framingham, MA 01701

*The 1872 Edgell Memorial Library, Framingham's first public library, honors 530 Civil War servicemembers and memorializes 27 fallen on marble tablets inside.*



### **U.S.S. Maine Ventilator**

Woburn Common, 10 Common St., Woburn, MA 01801

*This relic from the battleship USS Maine—whose sinking in Havana Harbor in 1898 sparked the Spanish-American War—was placed on Woburn Common as a memorial to the city's veterans.*



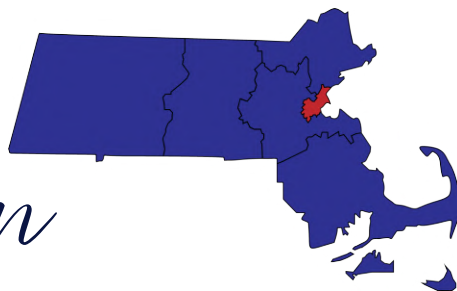
### **Hopkington Dough Boy**

Hopkinton Town Common, Main St. & Ash St., Hopkinton, MA 01748

*Dedicated in 1929, this bronze "Doughboy" statue honors Hopkinton's World War I servicemembers. The "Doughboy," a common nickname for American infantrymen of the Great War, stands in battle-ready pose as a tribute to their courage and sacrifice.*



# Boston



## Bunker Hill Monument

Monument Square, Charlestown, MA 02129

Built in 1825, this 221-foot obelisk honors the first major battle of the Revolution, where colonial militias proved their strength against the British. Visitors can climb 294 steps to a platform with sweeping views of Boston.



## Boston Massacre Site

206 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02109

Marked by granite pavers outside the Old State House, this site recalls March 5, 1770, when British soldiers killed five colonists—an event that inspired the Revolution.



## U.S.S. Constitution and Museum

Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA 02129

Docked at Charlestown Navy Yard, “Old Ironsides” is the world’s oldest commissioned warship still afloat. Launched in 1797, she fought in multiple early American wars, earning her nickname in the War of 1812. The nearby museum offers exhibits, artifacts, and hands-on history for visitors of all ages.



## Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial

26 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108

Unveiled in 1897 after 14 years of work, Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ masterpiece honors Colonel Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Massachusetts, the North’s first African American regiment in the Civil War. Widely regarded as one of America’s greatest public monuments, it stands across from the State House on Beacon Street.



## Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial

Constitution Naval Shipyard, Charlestown, MA 02129

Dedicated in 1993 by sculptor Robert Shure, this Charlestown Navy Yard memorial honors the more than 1,500 Massachusetts servicemembers who were killed or remain missing from the Korean War.



## South Boston Vietnam Memorial

775 E 1st St, Boston, MA 02127

Dedicated in 1981 in Medal of Honor Park, the South Boston Vietnam Memorial honors 25 local men lost in the war. One of the nation’s first tributes to Vietnam veterans, it was built more than a year before the national memorial in Washington, D.C.



## Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Flagstaff Hill, Boston Common, Boston, MA 02109

Rising 126 feet on Boston Common, Martin Milmore’s 1877 monument honors Massachusetts’ Civil War dead. Unveiled before 25,000 people, including President Ulysses S. Grant, it remains one of the nation’s greatest 19th-century memorials.

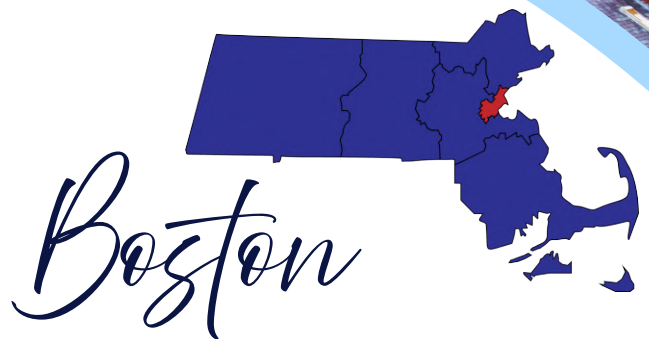
### Draft Numbers

The very first draft lottery number in WWI was drawn in Washington, D.C., but the first soldier drafted came from Boston.





ROBERT COULD SHAW  
COLONEL OF THE FIFTY FOURTH REGIMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS INFANTRY BORN IN BOSTON OCTOBER 1791 DIED 1862  
KILLED WHILE LEADING THE BATAILLION FORTY  
SOUTH CAROLINA JULY XVIII 1862  
RIGHT IN THE VAN ON THE RED RAMPARTS SLIPPERY SWELL  
WITH HEAD THAT SEEMED A CHARGE HE FELL  
FORWARD AS HIS A MAN  
BUT THE HIGH SOUL BURNS ON TO LIGHT MEN'S FEET



### **Beirut Memorial**

Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, Atlantic Ave & Richmond St., Boston, MA 02110

*Dedicated in 1992, this waterfront memorial honors nine Massachusetts Marines killed in the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing—one of the deadliest attacks on U.S. forces since World War II.*



### **Old North Church Memorial Garden**

193 Salem St, Boston, MA 02113

*Established in 2006, this garden behind Boston's Old North Church displays more than 7,000 dog tags honoring U.S. troops lost in Iraq and Afghanistan—the first memorial of its kind in the nation.*



### **Massachusetts Memorial Hall**

24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133

*This marble rotunda in the State House honors Massachusetts soldiers from the Revolution to today. Once the site where regimental flags were returned after service, it now displays replicas and photographs in place of the fragile originals.*

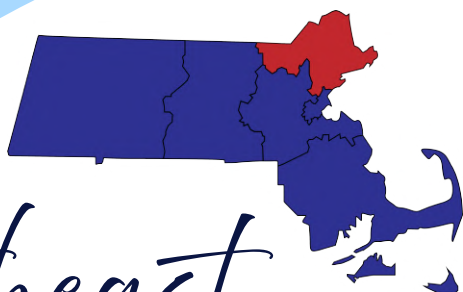
#### **Art History**

Inside the Memorial Hall contains four large murals depicting key moments in Massachusetts history, including the return of Civil War flags, the Mayflower Pilgrims, and the Battle of Concord Bridge.





# Northeast



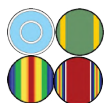
## Lawrence Soldiers and Sailors Monument

200 Common St, Lawrence, MA 01840  
Dedicated on November 2, 1881, this 50-foot granite monument is a tribute to the 225 Lawrence men who perished in the Civil War.



## Grand Army of the Republic Hall and Museum

58 Andrew St, Lynn, MA 01901  
Built in 1885 by Civil War veterans, this is the largest G.A.R. Hall ever constructed and the only one still standing in Massachusetts. Today its museum displays over 1,200 photographs of Union veterans along with exhibits spanning from the Revolution to the Korean War.



## Fighting for "Double Victory" Memorial

Newburyport Veterans Park, Newburyport, MA 01950  
Unveiled in December 2024, this memorial in Brown Square honors Newburyport's Black servicemembers who fought in conflicts from the Civil War through World War II.



## Salem Common War Memorials

Washington Square, Salem, MA 01970  
Salem Common hosts a powerful collection of monuments spanning the Revolutionary War through Vietnam. From the towering Civil War statue to tributes for Korea and WWII, the Common reflects Salem's maritime and military heritage.



## Elsworth J. Culler Jr. Memorial

12 Sylvan Street Danvers, MA, 01923  
Situating on the grounds of Danvers Town Hall, the Ellsworth J. Cullen Jr. Memorial honors the town's first member of the American Legion Post 2359 to be lost in World War II.



## Haverhill Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Mill Brook Park, Mill St, Haverhill, MA  
This riverside memorial honors Haverhill's 13 fallen in Vietnam.



## John P. Riley, U.S.N. Marker

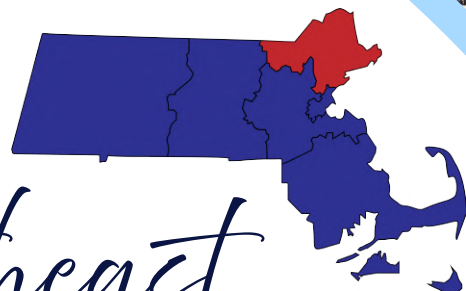
Riley Plaza, 1-21 Margin St, Salem MA 01970  
Located in downtown Salem, this memorial honors the city's only Medal of Honor recipient, John P. Riley. Riley served aboard the USS Nashville during the Spanish-American War.







# Northeast



## **"The Hiker" Memorial Statue**

The Rockery, Main Street at Crescent Street, 01880  
Sculpted by Theo Alice Ruggles Kitson—the first woman admitted to the National Sculpture Society, "The Hiker" honors local veterans who served in the Spanish–American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition (1898–1902).



## **Peabody Veterans Memorial**

24 Lowell Street, Peabody, 01960  
Located at Peabody City Hall, this memorial honors the city's servicemembers who have served in various conflicts.



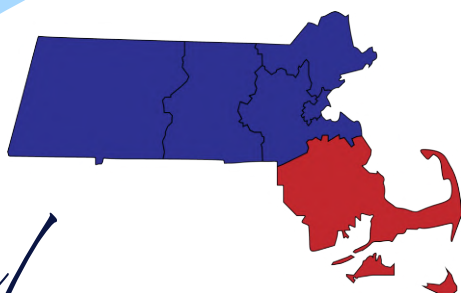
## **Military Heritage and War Memorial Trail**

Various locations across Gloucester  
This walking and driving tour connects a series of monuments, statues, and plaques honoring veterans from World War I to the present day, weaving together Gloucester's seafaring spirit and military service.

**Massachusetts Medal of Honor Recipients**  
Massachusetts has produced over 130 Medal of Honor recipients.



# South Cape & Islands



## Plymouth Training Green & Civil War Monument

65 Sandwich St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Established in 1711 as a militia training ground, this is one of the nation's oldest parks. Its 1869 Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument honors Plymouth residents lost in the Civil War and the War of 1812.



## Coast Guard Heritage Museum

3353 Main St, Barnstable, MA 02630

Housed in the 1855 U.S. Custom House, this museum traces the history of the Coast Guard and its predecessor services. Exhibits include artifacts, photographs, and stories that bring America's maritime heritage to life.



## Nantucket Civil War Monument

102 Main Street, Nantucket, MA 02554

This monument honors the 73 islanders who lost their lives in the Civil War. Nearly 400 Nantucket residents served in the Union forces, marking a dramatic shift from the island's earlier Quaker pacifist traditions.



## Seamen's Bethel World War II Honor Roll

15 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA

Built in 1832 as a chapel for whalers, this landmark offered comfort to sailors before their voyages. Inside, memorial plaques and a World War II honor roll commemorate mariners lost at sea.



## Battleship Cove

5 Water Street, Fall River, MA, 02720

In Fall River, Battleship Cove stands as Massachusetts' official memorial for veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and 9/11. Home to the battleship USS Massachusetts—the Commonwealth's official World War II memorial—it features the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. A living memorial and museum, it honors service while offering an immersive experience for visitors of all ages.



## Vietnam War Memorial Clock Tower

308 Victory Road, Marina Bay, Quincy, MA 02171

Dedicated in 1987, this Quincy landmark honors 48 locals lost in Vietnam. In 2005, the name of POW Captain Alan Brudno—who returned home but tragically passed a month later—was added, signifying the struggles many veterans faced upon returning home.



## Falmouth Veterans Memorial

300 Main Street, Falmouth, MA, 02536

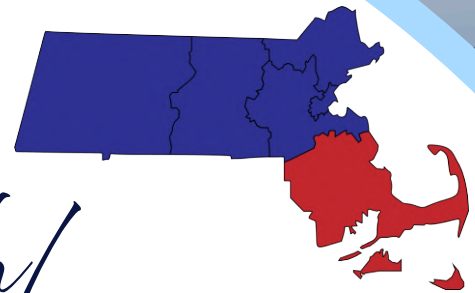
On the lawn of the Falmouth Public Library, this memorial honors local veterans of the Civil War, World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and more recent conflicts. Its plaques and monuments reflect the community's ongoing tribute to service across generations.







## South/ Cape & Islands



### **Veterans Memorial Park**

480 Oceans Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

Overlooking Lewis Bay in Hyannis, this park honors U.S. service through two memorials: the John F. Kennedy Memorial, dedicated in 1966, and a Korean War Memorial recognizing local servicemembers.



### **Veterans Bicentennial Park**

1 Brownell Street, Fall River, MA, 02720

Dedicated in 1976 for America's Bicentennial, this Fall River park honors all who have served in the armed forces from the Revolution to today. Set along the waterfront, it offers walking paths and memorials for reflection.



### **Massachusetts National Cemetery**

Connery Avenue, Bourne, MA 02532

Established in 1980 in Bourne, this is one of the largest national cemeteries in the Northeast and the final resting place for more than 78,000 veterans and their families. A memorial trail lined with over 50 monuments honors military units, conflicts, and veteran organizations.

### **Camp Edwards & Cape Cod**

The Massachusetts Military Reservation (now Joint Base Cape Cod) trained troops before they were shipped overseas during WWII and continues to serve the National Guard today.



# Central



## **Fitchburg Spanish-American War Memorial**

Upper Common, Fitchburg, MA 01420  
*Dedicated in 1910, this bronze monument honors Fitchburg's veterans of the Spanish-American War. With its sculpted soldier and prominent placement on the Upper Common, it reflects a turning point in America's role on the world stage.*



## **David P. Casey Medal of Honor Memorial**

Town Common, Whitinsville, MA 01588  
*This memorial honors Corporal David P. Casey of the 25th Massachusetts Infantry, awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor at the Battle of Cold Harbor in 1864.*



## **Webster Honor Court**

350 Main St, Webster, MA 01570  
*Webster's Honor Court brings together several monuments honoring local service across generations. At its center, the Combat Wounded Veteran Memorial pays tribute to those injured in battle, joined by memorials to Civil War, Korean War, and Vietnam veterans.*



## **Grafton Korean and Vietnam War Monument**

Grafton Town Common, Grafton, MA 01519  
*Situated on the Grafton Common, this memorial honors the town's residents who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.*



## **Gardner Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument**

Monument Park, 1 Cottage Street, Gardner, MA, 01440  
*Unveiled in 1885, this Civil War memorial features a bronze color sergeant and engravings of the battles where Gardner men fought, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg.*



## **Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

Green Hill Park, Officer Manny Familia Way, Worcester, MA 01605  
*Spanning four acres, this memorial honors the 1,547 Massachusetts men and women who died in the Vietnam War. Visitors can explore three sections—the Place of Flags, the Place of Words, and the Place of Names—each offering a powerful space for reflection.*



## **Milford World War II Honor Roll & Veterans Monuments**

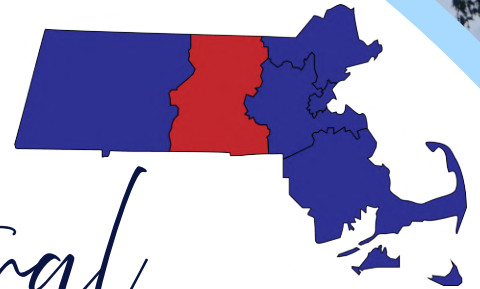
Milford Town Park, Milford, MA 01757  
*Set prominently in Town Park, Milford's World War II Honor Roll lists the names of hundreds of local residents who served, including those who gave their lives. Surrounding monuments honor veterans of other conflicts, making the park a lasting gathering place for remembrance across generations.*

Massachusetts was among the first states to officially recognize Veterans Day (originally Armistice Day) as a public holiday.





# Central



## **Veterans Memorial Corridor**

545 Southbridge St, Auburn, MA 01501

*Dedicated in 2008, Auburn's Veterans Memorial Corridor links several sites along Southbridge Street that honor service across generations. At its heart, Water Street Veterans Memorial Park offers a quiet space of reflection, joined by monuments to Vietnam, Desert Storm, and other conflicts.*



## **Fitchburg Korea and Vietnam War Memorial**

881 Main St, Fitchburg, MA 01420

*Settled along Main Street, this memorial honors Fitchburg's Korean and Vietnam War veterans, including 47 residents who gave their lives.*



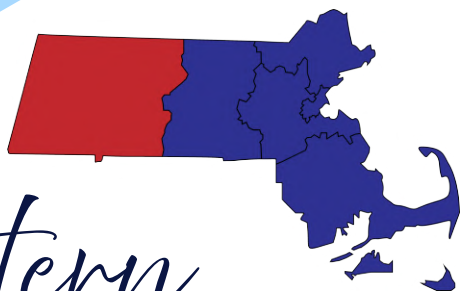
## **Johnny Ro Veterans Memorial Park Hall**

720 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA, 01453

*Dedicated to Corporal Jonathan "Johnny Ro" Roberge, who was killed in Iraq in 2009, this park honors local veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. Featuring a tank, battlefield crosses, and community-built tributes, it stands as a powerful reminder of service in the modern era.*



# Western



## **Northhampton Memorial Hall**

240 Main St, Northampton, MA 01060

Built in 1872 by Union veteran James W. McLaughlin, this landmark served as both a public library and a Civil War memorial. Inside are marble tablets listing 90 fallen soldiers and bronze statues by sculptor Melzar Hunt Mosman.



## **Easthampton Civil War Tower and Honor Roll**

43 Main St, Easthampton, MA 01027

Rising 130 feet above downtown, this 1869 tower—part of the Old Town Hall designed by Charles Edward Parker—honors the 22 Easthampton residents who died in the Civil War.



## **African American Civil War Memorial**

West Cemetery, Triangle St, Amherst, MA 01002

Dedicated in 2017, this memorial honors the Thompson family—five Black men from Amherst who served in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry and the 5th Massachusetts Colored Cavalry.



## **Frank J Szot Memorial Park**

687 Front St, Chicopee, MA 01013

Named for the first Chicopee soldier to die in World War I, this 60-acre park features a memorial tank and tribute plaques, serving as both a community gathering space and a site of remembrance.



## **Renfrew Manufacturing Company World War Honor Roll**

109 Columbia St, Adams, MA 01220

This memorial honors Renfrew mill workers who served in World War I. One of the few remaining company-specific monuments in Massachusetts, it reflects both the town's industrial heritage and the sacrifices of its working-class community.



## **Holyoke Veterans Memorial Park**

536 Dwight St Ste 14, Holyoke, MA 01040

Established in 1861 and rededicated in 1962, this downtown park honors Holyoke's military veterans across generations. It features multiple monuments, including a Civil War Soldiers' Monument by Henry Jackson Ellicott and tributes to World War II, Korea, and Vietnam wars.



## **Paterson-Egleston Monument**

Intersection of Main Street / Old Stockbridge Road, Lenox, MA 01240

Dedicated in 1892, this granite monument honors two local heroes of the Revolution—General John Paterson, who led troops at Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Yorktown, and Major Azariah Egleston, who distinguished himself in several campaigns.







### **Veterans Memorial at Court Square**

14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA 01301

*At the heart of downtown Greenfield, this memorial honors generations of servicemembers. Its centerpiece is James G. Batterson's 1870 Civil War Soldiers' Monument—an Egyptian Revival obelisk inscribed with 500 names who served and 50 who fell—surrounded by plaques to veterans of later wars.*



### **Veterans Memorial at Stanley Park**

286 Western Ave, Westfield, MA 01085

*The Veterans Memorial at Stanley Park, established in 2010, honors U.S. servicemembers through military emblems, engraved bricks, and a perpetually lit American flag.*



### **Pittsfield Veterans Memorial Park**

295 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

*Veterans Memorial Park honors generations of local servicemembers with a series of thoughtfully arranged memorials from every era from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan wars.*