

Wellesley’s sons and daughters have bravely served in every U.S. military conflict dating back to the American Revolutionary War, including some who sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy the freedom we have today.

One way we honor our fallen is through our Town’s military monuments. These monuments remind us that freedom comes at a cost, and that each generation has a shared responsibility to preserve this freedom.

This booklet provides an overview of our Town’s memorials erected to commemorate residents who died during military service, safeguarding our American liberties, freedoms, and values. We hope you find it informative and inspiring, and we encourage you to visit the memorials themselves to honor these brave former residents.

MONUMENTS & PLAQUES

1) Wellesley Town Hall War Memorial

Location: 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA.

Description: Here you can find a list of all the Wellesley residents who enlisted and fought in the wars and conflicts in which the United States was involved. In addition, the Great Hall inside Town Hall has two large bronze plaques listing all those residents that served during WWI, with an asterisk next to the names of the six individuals that lost their lives in service.

2) Bullard’s Tavern Memorial

Location: Rt.16 at Wellesley College, just before Dover Rd on the right-hand side, on the way to South Natick.

Description: A meeting place for the West Needham local militia under the command of Captain Aaron Smith, Lieutenant Moses Bullard, and Ensign Josiah Upham. On April 19, 1775, the alarm was sounded at Bullard’s Tavern by a man on horseback yelling “the British regulars are on the march”; Captain Aaron Smith and his fellow militia officers then mustered the troops for the march to Lexington and Concord. The bronze marker commemorates 70 members of the West Needham Militia.

3) Amos Mills Memorial

Location: 264 Weston Road. Where his original home stood.

Description: Amos Mills was an American Revolutionary War Soldier from West Needham (now incorporated as Wellesley) Massachusetts. He was the first local militia man killed during the British retreat in Arlington on the first day of the American Revolution, and one of fifty Americans either killed or mortally wounded on that day.

4) Memorial Grove

Location: State Street Pond, near Wellesley High School football field.

Description: To honor those who served in WWI on May 3, 1919, the Town of Wellesley designed a tract of land to establish a permanent remembrance of those who served. A special gathering of 4,000 Wellesley residents of the 6,000 population in 1919 met and planted 325 trees to remember those who served, and 6 special trees for those who paid the ultimate price for their service to our Great Nation to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. On November 11, 1968, a memorial stone was placed and dedicated to specifically memorialize the six individuals that lost their lives in service.



5) Kelly Memorial Park

Location: 68 Elmwood Rd.

Description: The Kelly family of Wellesley sent three brothers, John, Joseph, and Tom, to fight for our country during WWII. Only Tom returned home. Joseph was killed in Normandy in June of 1944 in the days following the D-Day invasion; he had served two tours with the National Guard before becoming an Army Ranger and heading overseas. John, the oldest brother, died that December in Belgium following action in the early stages of the Battle of the Bulge.

6) Dana Stanley Frost Memorial

Location: Corner of Frost Circle & South Woodside Ave.

Description: Dana Stanley Frost was a Wellesley resident who served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. In 1966, he was killed in action at the age of 20 in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. He was a member of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force. He is also listed on the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, DC, at Panel 6E, Line 122.

7) David G. Ouellet Memorial

Location: There are three sites with memorials dedicated to David G. Ouellet:

- Central St., Grove St., and Washington St., by the flagpole.
- Cedar St., at Ouellet Park
- By the entrance of the Main Fire Station (Rt 9)

Description: David G. Ouellet was a Wellesley resident who served as a Seaman, US Navy. He died saving the lives of his shipmate on March 6, 1967, on the Mekong River in the Republic of Vietnam; he was a machine gunner on a River Patrol Boat (PBR) 124. He was the recipient of our Nation’s highest honor, the Medal of Honor.

CEMETERIES

1) St. Mary’s Episcopal Cemetery

Location: 258 Concord Street, Newton Lower Falls, MA.

Description: Wellesley veterans are buried in this cemetery. At the time, there wasn’t an Episcopal Church in Wellesley.

2) Wellesley Village Church

Location: 2 Central St, Wellesley, MA.

3) Woodlawn Cemetery

Location: 148 Brook St, Wellesley, MA.