

# 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.

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# 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.

