

# FAIRFIELD WAR MEMORIAL

## HONOR ROLL

Dedicated May 30, 1960

For a period of fifteen years (1945-1960) a wooden-framed WAR MEMORIAL HONOR ROLL stood on our Town green, containing the names of only those Veterans of World War II. The passing of years caused it to deteriorate beyond repair, and finally it was removed.

Today's modern structure contains nearly 4,000 names of men and women who left from Fairfield and served their country during World War I (434), World War II (2980), and the Korean Conflict (470).

Their places on this beautiful edifice, assured by War Statute dates, make it truly a twentieth century War Veterans Memorial in keeping with Fairfield's picturesque Town green.

The structure is all weather-proof, made of anodized aluminum approximately 30 x 9 feet in size. The upper structure is set off into three sections so as to give the Veterans of each war their own separate place of distinction.

The foundation, embedded four feet below ground and two feet above, is all masonry material (brick and cement block) reinforced through the upper sections with six large metal I-beams.

A group of public-spirited citizens of the Town donated both the material and labor for the base foundation at a savings to the community of nearly \$1,500. They are - John and Stanley Fortuna, (Grasmere Lumber & Millwork Co.) Benjamin E. Plotkin, (The Fairfield Lumber and Supply Co.) Clyde S. Buckingham, (C. Buckingham Company, Inc.) Edward M. Henry, (Henry & Gerety, Inc.) Edmund D'Attello, (Fairfield Concrete, Inc.) James McKeon, Joseph Hauser, Sr.,

Robert Hauser, William Henry, Robert Henry, Robert Dupre, Edward Pearson and Louis Lasko.

The landscaping was done by George Drew and Clarence Jennings of the Park Department.

The entire structure was completed by the Sako Aluminum Castings Company of Fairfield, under the direction of Stephen Kovacs of Dunnlea Road, under a non-profit agreement with the Town of Fairfield for the sum of \$5,000. which was readily approved by the Representative Town Meeting.

Sub contracts on the name plates were assigned to the Contract Plating Company of Stratford and the Schwerdtle Stamp Company of Bridgeport in order to meet the dedication deadline.

Mrs. Mary Ludwinsky of 2309 Post Road, Fairfield did the touch-up work on the name plates.

The committee who supervised and handled all arrangements for the project was composed of the combined Veterans groups of the Town, namely, from the American Legion (Post 74), Louis Vegi, William LaRose, Donald Cavanaugh, Grover Benton, Stanley Scott, John Walsh and Anthony Stumpp. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (Sgt. Thomas J. Nelson, Jr. Post), Louis Lasko, Joseph Virgalla and Jack Ballaria. The World War I Barracks (Post Legion), Walter Gleacher, Sr., James Kealey and Raymond Anthony. Stratfield Legion Post, Martin Zuzick. The Southport Regular Veterans Post, Carl Gniadek.

Project Co-chairmen, Louis Lasko and Robert P. Henry.

THE COMBINED VETERANS GROUPS OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, DEEM IT AN HONOR IN FULFILLING THE TASK OF COMPLETING THIS WAR MEMORIAL HONOR ROLL AS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THOSE CITIZENS OF FAIRFIELD WHO SERVED OUR NATION DURING WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, AND IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT.