



WILMOT VETERANS MEMORIAL

In the early 1990s the Historical Society recognized the need to honor the Veterans who have served since World War II; however, accurate records with the required information were not available.

In 2000 the Selectmen approved a plan for a memorial to honor all veterans without using names as had been done in the past. The Veterans Memorial Committee was appointed, and the result of their efforts can be seen at the corner of Village Road and Monument Place. For a full report of the steps taken to reach this result, please refer to the Town of Wilmot 2007 Annual Report. The Town appropriated \$13,000 for the project. Many thousands of dollars worth of materials, labor and time were donated as well as cash gifts.

The restoration of the Wilmot Soldiers Monument and reconstruction of the entire memorial was sponsored by the Wilmot Historical Society. Without the Society and its nonprofit status taking the fiscal responsibility for fund raising, this project would never have happened.

The primary fundraising project was and is the sale of granite pavers that surround the monument. There are still blank pavers available in both the 12" x 12" and 4" x 8" sizes, which can be purchased for \$100.00 and \$50.00 respectively. The messages on the pavers express the sentiments of our people – some name the veterans who are dear to them, some memorialize or honor families who love this town, some express their gratitude to our Veterans or to our town.

Anyone who would like to purchase a paver can obtain an order blank from the Selectmen's Office, from the Library, at Wilmot Historical Society functions, or from the WHS web site: www.wilmothistoricalsociety.org/.

The Wilmot Garden Club maintains the flowers at the base of the memorial plaque; and, Wilmot's Highway Department continues to take care of the mowing. Any additional maintenance requirements will be financed from monies in the Wilmot Veterans Memorial account, overseen by a committee of the Wilmot Historical Society. Our goal is to maintain and enhance the beauty of this memorial without placing any burden on the town or taxpayers.

Wilmot's history is strongly influenced by the military history of our country. By continuing to keep this memorial a significant feature of our town, our citizens and future generations will be reminded of their heritage and the sacrifices of so many who gave us the Freedoms we enjoy.

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