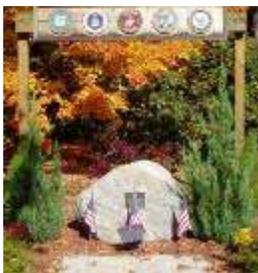


BRISTOL, CT VETERANS MEMORIAL BOULEVARD

The Veterans Memorial Park and Boulevard is located just off of Route 72. Directions from the south; Route 229 North to Route 72 West; from the north – Route 69 South to Route 72 East, from the west – Route 6 East to Route 72 East, from the east – Route 6 West to Route 229 South to Route 72 West.



The Veterans Memorial Park and Boulevard consist of 25 acres in the center of Bristol. On November 11, 1921 – Armistice Day, the City of Bristol officially dedicated Memorial Boulevard, a double lane road 4400 ft long and 100 ft wide with a park-like median with plantings which runs from the north end of Downs Street to Main Street. On May 10, 1922 – 50 Scarlet Oaks were planted in memory of 50 fallen WW I Servicemen. Hickey Markers were installed next to each tree inscribing the name of the soldier, branch of service and date of death.



The center piece of the Memorial Boulevard is the WW I Monument. It was built and dedicated on April 19, 1924 to honor Bristol's 1,261 WW I veterans. The base of the granite monument is of a service star. Bronze tablets on face points bearing names of men who serviced the war. On the star



like base, 48 names imposed of those who lost their lives and 5 major operations are also imposed along with 5 bronze insignias. The granite shaft is 25 ft tall.



WWII – Korean War Monument was dedicated on November 17, 1954 to remember and to honor those from Bristol who served God and their Country in WW II and Korea. The names of 143 Bristol men killed in WW II and 13 men killed in Korea are listed on this monument.



The Vietnam Monument was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1973. The names of 17 Bristol soldiers who died in the conflict are inscribed on the granite monument.

Several other significant monuments line the Veteran Park. On November 4, 1982, a descendent of the original Charter Oak Tree was planted. The Daughters of the Revolutionary War dedicated a bronze plaque and stone on October 21, 1983 in memory of 54 Bristol Soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War. The Spanish American



Bronze Statue, known as the Hiker, was placed on the Boulevard on November 21, 1984 in honor of all soldiers killed in WW II. Subsequent wars have added more memorials to the Boulevard's adjacent parkland, making it a focal point for the community's remembrance.

