

## EAST LYME, CT VETERANS MEMORIALS



The property now known as Liberty Green, situated at the corner of Route 156 (Main St.) and Route 161 (Pennsylvania Ave.) in the Niantic section of East Lyme, was deeded to the town in 1918 by Stephen Bond, who wanted to honor the patriotism and civic duty of his sister and create a memorial for town veterans. Honoring veterans of World

War I, the site is home to a large granite Honor Roll engraved with the names of East Lyme WWI veterans. Recent years have seen the addition of a memorial to town veterans who gave their lives during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. This memorial consists of three cut stone walls that are joined at the corners. Positioned directly behind the memorial is a 60' flagpole, said to be from an old schooner, from which our U.S., State, and POW-MIA flags fly. The site is complemented by a beautiful beech tree as well as perennial plantings and evergreen shrubs.



Adorned with a majestic eagle and simply engraved "In Memory of Those Who Served," this quaint memorial was originally dedicated on November 14, 1954, a little more than a year after the end of the Korean War. Stately evergreen trees provide the backdrop for this memorial, located on Route 1 (Boston Post Rd.) in the Flanders section of East Lyme in front

of Flanders Elementary School and the East Lyme Board of Education Building, a little less than half mile to the west of the Route 1 and Route 161 intersection. As part of an Eagle Scout Service Project, this memorial was rededicated on Flag Day, June 14, 1991. A small plaque positioned next to the memorial commemorates this rededication. Each year students and faculty from Flanders Elementary School gather on the lawn adjacent to the memorial to participate in Memorial Day activities honoring those who gave their lives so that we may live free.