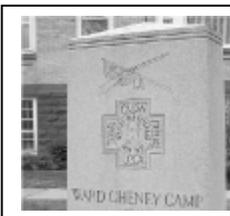
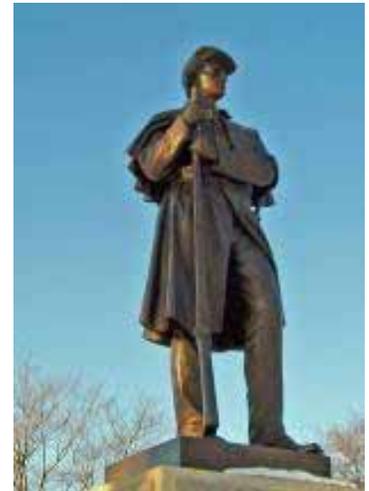


## Veterans Memorials in Manchester, Connecticut



**Revolutionary War Memorial Fountain** - Center Memorial Park, near intersection of Center and Linden Streets. Orford Parish Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored the Revolutionary War veterans by installing a fountain at the center of town in 1921. Charles Adams Platt, noted architect and artist, designed the fountain, the original drawings for which are at Columbia University Library. It has been damaged over the years, and the sphere on the top doesn't match the rest of the material. It no longer has plumbing for use as a fountain.

**Civil War Monument.** Center Park, near intersection of Center and Main Streets. In 1876, Center Memorial Park, known as Monument Park at the time, was chosen for the site of a Civil War monument. The statue of a young soldier was dedicated in 1877 on the fifteenth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. Antietam, Maryland was the site of the first major Civil War engagement on Northern soil, and the bloodiest single-day battle in American history. Lettering on the bottom of the statue: "In Memory of the soldiers of Manchester who died in the war of the Rebellion, 1861-1865." The artist Charles Conrads sculpted the bronze statue, which was "supplied by James Batterson, cast at George Fischer & Brother, and set upon a granite pedestal quarried in Rhode Island." Volume 59 of the Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin, calls the statue, "an example of work such as is seldom found elsewhere."



**Spanish American War Monument** - Center Park, east of the Probate Court at 66 Center Street, near intersection of Center and Main Streets. May have been erected by the Cheney family. Dedicated to the "Boys of Manchester, Connecticut, who volunteered and served their country in the Spanish American War." Inscribed: "Ward Cheney Camp, No. 13, U.S.W.V. Cuba, Philippine Islands, Portorico, U.S.A. Spanish War Veterans 1898-1902."

**World War I Monument and Manchester Memorial Hospital.** 71 Haynes Street, off Main Street. After World War I, a hospital was built in memory of the veterans of what was known as the Great War. The 1918 Spanish influenza had struck the United States hard, affecting about one in four Americans. In 1920 Manchester Memorial Hospital opened, dedicated to the 45 Manchester men who lost their lives in World War I. In 1970, the hospital was rededicated as a memorial to veterans of all wars. The monument in front of the hospital was dedicated in 1933 and is inscribed: "This tablet is erected in memory of these men of Manchester who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War 1917-1918."

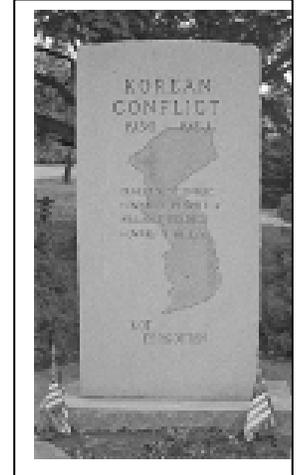


World War II Memorial Plaque inside Manchester High School 134 East Middle Turnpike. The large plaque is inscribed with the names of all those who served their country during World War II. The plaque is on the wall of the high school's Bailey Auditorium lobby.





**World War II Memorial Monument** (left) at Munro Park, intersection of East Center and Porter Streets. Inscribed: "In tribute to the men of Manchester who gave their lives in World War II. Erected by the American Legion, 1948." All the monuments in Munro Park are carved from Barre Gray Granite.

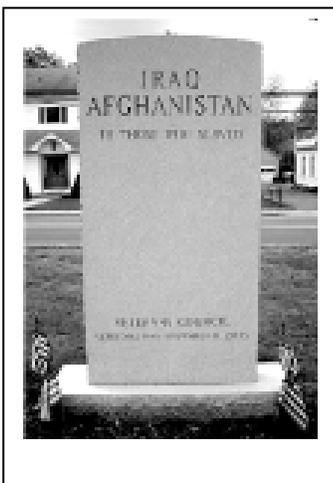


**Korean Conflict Monument** (right) - Munro Park, intersection of East Center and Porter Streets. The monument lists the names of four men killed in Korea, with markers on the map of Korea. Inscribed: "Korean Conflict, 1950-1953, Not Forgotten."

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial**



Main Street, just south of its intersection with East Center Street. The monument is in a parklet across the street from the Mary Cheney Library. The polished black granite monument lists the names of those killed in Vietnam. Below the list of names is inscribed: "We were young We have died. Remember us," quoted from "The Young Dead Soldiers," by Archibald MacLeish.



**Memorial to Those Who Served in Several Wars** (right) Munro Park, intersection of East Center and Porter Streets. Monument is inscribed: "Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm Iraq. To those who served. Bosnia, Somalia. Veterans Council, Veterans Day, November 11, 1992."

**Memorial to Those Who Served in Iraq and Afghanistan** - Munro Park, intersection of East Center and Porter Streets. Monument is inscribed: "Iraq, Afghanistan. To Those Who Served. Veterans Council, Veterans Day, November 11, 2005."





**Monuments to all who served.** In the East Cemetery, located at intersection of Harrison and East Center Streets. Each monument is accompanied by a flag pole and flag. One Monument located off Harrison Street, east of the office of the East Cemetery, in the veterans cemetery area. A second Monument is located in the veterans section near Autumn Street at Wellington Street. Made of Barre gray granite it is inscribed with an eagle and



flag image, *"In memory of those who served their country."* The third Monument located in a hillside section west of Beth Shalom Cemetery adjacent to Glenwood Street.

**Veterans Memorial Bridge at Park Street**, intersection of Elm Terrace.

The plaque, on the northeast corner of the bridge, is inscribed: *"Manchester Veterans Memorial Bridge. In honor of all the Manchester veterans, deceased and living, currently serving, and those to serve in the future. May this bridge stand as a symbol of our community's appreciation for your service to our country. Dedicated November 11, 2008 by the Board of Directors."*



**Veterans Memorial Cemetery (designated Hillstown Cemetery by the Town)**  
**180 Hillstown Road.**

This veterans cemetery is in a rural section of Manchester, accompanied by the Veterans Memorial Soccer Field and Rope Course. The monument is inscribed: *"Salute to all veterans [then a square with the image POW-MIA with You are not forgotten], To all who served. Veterans Council of Manchester, November 11, 1998."* The American flag and the POW-MIA flag fly above the monument, made of Barre Gray Granite.

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