

## Memorial to the Service Men and Women of Newton

Located at the corner of Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, on the grounds of Newton City Hall, sits a monument dedicated on Memorial Day, May 31, 1954, at 11:00 a.m. following the Memorial Day Parade. It was designed by Winford R. Mackay, a Newton High School student who won the school's monument design competition. Flanked by two granite benches at either side, the base of the flagpole is a pentagonal prism set atop a star and inscribed on three sides with the words "duty", "honor", "service." The monument's construction cost of \$5,000 was appropriated by the Aldermen and approved by Mayor Howard Whitmore, Jr.

The first memorial on this site was a large three-fold structure with all the names of the honored service people under glass, originally ordered by Mayor Theodore Lockwood, who served from 1948 to 1953. Plans for the new memorial were featured in the Thursday March 25, 1954 issue of the Newton Villager and The Newton Transcript.



