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**IN MEMORY OF ALL
BOLTON MEN AND WOMEN
WHO SERVED THEIR
COUNTRY DURING
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
1775-1783
THE WAR OF 1812
1812-1815
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
1861-1865**

BOLTON VETERANS COMMISSION

The Boltons Veterans Commission first meeting was held in November of 2022. The Commission was developed and authorized by our First Selectman Pam Sawyer and our Board of Selectmen. The mission of the commission is simply to “honor and improve the lives of all who honorably served this state and nation’s military.” The Commission has reviewed the Connecticut State Statutes regarding a Veteran’s advisory committee and had educational presentations by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Manchester and the Army/Navy Club in Manchester.

We have had many ideas brought to the Commission by our community and we are working our way through the list. We are also looking for new ideas on expanding our role and advocacy in the community.

We have completed the naming of the small section of road (which is currently not named) behind our “Veteran’s Monument and Honor Roll” as “Veterans Way.” The signs have been placed by the Town Crew naming it Veterans Way and it was acknowledged in our Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Commission has taken over planning the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. We had a successful day in May and we hope to continue this long standing tradition. If there are new ideas for the parade or ceremony, please contact one of our team that is listed on the Town of Bolton website.

We are moving forward on a Bench Dedication and plaque for MSgt Michael Clark. A Bolton Resident, MSgt. Clark died while on active duty with the 933rd FRSD, a forward surgical team. He was deployed 4 times to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The bench has been completed and the plaque installed this past summer. Please see the plaque on the bench at the Town Green.

The members from the Veterans Commission working with the Board of Selectmen to review the current Veteran Property Tax Exemption via a sub-committee. This will begin after the current budget sessions are completed.

We are looking into having medallions purchased for the Veterans graves in our cemeteries. The Boy Scouts have reviewed all the cemeteries and have provided a list of all the veterans currently in the cemeteries. This is a work in progress due to the cost of the medallions.

We have requested the Bolton Boy Scouts to help with a process for the disposal of American Flags. This is a work in progress and there will be additional information coming as the system is developed.