

## YORK RESIDENTS PATRIOTS & HEROES

We encourage you to spend some time walking through our town and reviewing the banners that decorate many poles and the monuments and statues. York is proud of the men and women who helped defend, some who gave their life, for the cause of freedom.

### PURPLE HEART



As you entered York, you may have seen the Purple Heart signs. In 2022 York was designated a Purple Heart Community, the first in the state of Maine. The Purple Heart Trail stretches across the entire country. We display our signs with pride and gratitude to those York citizens who gave of themselves. If you are a Purple Heart recipient or have a family member who received the Purple Heart, we salute and thank you and your family for your sacrifice.

The Purple Heart Medal is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. military on or after 5 April 1917. In September 1942 it was designated exclusively for those wounded or killed in action. The oldest U. S. military decoration, General George Washington awarded the first purple-colored heart shaped badges to soldiers who fought in the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

### STREET OF FALLEN HEROES



Flying from poles on both sides of York Street in the middle of the village you will notice numerous banners.

Each banner has a picture of a York resident who gave his all for our country. Those currently depicted are men who died in either World War I or II or Vietnam. Some of these heroes are buried in our town cemetery, located behind the First Parish Church in the middle of town. Some are resting in graves overseas in the lands where they fought. A few were never found.

Inside this brochure there is a road map with pole designations of each banner and a brief history of these valiant heroes and their fate.

Driving in from Route 1 and traveling east, shortly after the Village Elementary School, flies a banner from a utility pole bearing the Veteran Grave Marker. This begins our tribute to 18 Fallen Heroes Banners. Starting with York residents who died in Vietnam, they continue through the village ending with our World War I heroes.

## MONUMENTS

In addition to the banners you will see various monuments and statues honoring York residents and their service during foreign military conflicts. The most noticeable is the statue in the middle of York Street as the road splits into two. You will also find a legend inside this brochure with additional information regarding these monuments.

**Soldiers Monument** The centerpiece of York's monuments, it sits in the middle of York Village. It is a Civil War monument that pays tribute to all the veterans who fought in that conflict. Commissioned in 1905 it was dedicated to those who served and died in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the Philippines Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion. The soldier is wearing the uniform of a Spanish American soldier and clutching a Springfield musket, a symbol of the brave York residents who have defended our country since the Revolutionary War. He stands guard over our town.

**The Cannon** The first war monument in the town, it was originally located where the Soldier Monument now rests. A 6.4" Parrot rifle naval cannon, it was used extensively in the Civil War. Our No. 206 cannon now sits proudly in front of the Old Gaol.

**Revolutionary War Monument** Sitting peacefully in front of Town Hall, the stone marks the spot where York soldiers began their journey to join forces with other American patriots in the battle to free the colonists from British rule. There are 63 names on the memorial.

**World War I Monument** Located in the middle of the village, it sits on Old Gaol Hill in front of the cannon. It was placed there in 1919. The Daughters of the American Revolution had requested a memorial for WW I veterans and were instrumental in the funding of the monument. One hundred and three York residents names are forever etched in the monument.

**World War II Monument** Dedicated on June 1, 1948, the monument can be found between the First Parish Church and Town Hall, on property owned by the church. There are 349 proud names on the memorial.

**Korean War Monument** This monument is located just to the right of the front entrance of the Town Hall. 150 York resident names are there for all to see. It was dedicated by the American Legion Post 56 of York, Maine in perpetual memory to those who served in the Korean Conflict. There are no known York residents killed in the conflict.

**Vietnam War Monument** The monument, which sits across from the First Parish Church office, has an uncomplicated, straight forward design with incised letters. This was designed to be consistent with the Vietnam War Memorial, known as the Wall, located in Washington DC. This solemn memorial was unveiled and dedicated May 29, 1985. Names of our four Vietnam Fallen Heroes are etched in eternal memory on the front.

## YORK RESIDENTS PATRIOTS AND FALLEN HEROES



## YORK • MAINE

York residents have served our country with honor in times of foreign conflict since the beginning of our nation. As you journey through our beautiful town you will see numerous memorials recognizing those citizens who have served in our military.

MAY 2022

US ROUTE ONE

YORK STREET

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Long Sands Road

First Parish Cemetery Drive

Parish Lane

Long Sands Road

Fellows Lane

Summit Lane

### LEGEND

-  PURPLE HEART BANNERS by Pole #
-  WAR MONUMENTS

### POLE J12 - OUR FALLEN HEROES

#### VIETNAM

1 November, 1955 to 30 April, 1975

**Pole 11.1** - Robert B. Young, Private, US Army, died 22 April, 1971. Buried: First Parish Cemetery, York, Maine. 20 years old.

**Pole 11** - Gerald A. Dorr, Warrant Officer, US Army, killed in action 28 January, 1967. Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC. 22 years old.

**Pole J10** - Larry A. d'Entremont, Private, US Army, killed in action 20 November, 1967. Buried: First Parish Cemetery York, Maine. 19 years old.

**Pole 9** - Ronald A. Parsons, Private First Class US Army, wounded November 20, died December 24, 1967. Buried: First Parish Cemetery York, Maine, 23 years old.

#### WORLD WAR II

1 September, 1939 to 2 September, 1945

**Pole 8** - Edward R. Grant, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, killed in action 19 March. Buried: Manilla American Cemetery, Taguig City, Philippines. 28 years old.

**Pole 1** - Kenneth G. Ramsdell, Private, US Army, killed in action 4 January 1944. Buried: Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy. 19 years old.

**Pole 7** - William H. Turner, 2nd Lieutenant, US Army Air Force, killed in action 24 February, 1944. Buried: Normandy American Cemetery, France. 21 years old.

**Pole 5.1** - Richmond H. Ellis, LTJG US Navy. Went down with Portsmouth build USS Scorpion in the Pacific Ocean in February or March, 1944. 26 years old.

**Pole J5** - Eugene T. Boardman, PFC US Army, killed in action July 12, 1944. Buried: Florence American Cemetery, Florence, Italy. 20 years old.

**Pole 4** - Roger C. Haskell, Staff Sergeant, US Army Air Force, killed in action in Germany 28 July, 1944. Buried: Ardennes American Cemetery, Neupre, Belgium. 23 years old.

**Pole 1 Erwin Bldg** - George C. Moore, Private, US Army Infantry, killed in action 19 September, 1944. Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery St. Avold, France. 33 years old.

**Pole 10** - Clifford G. Moore, Tech 5, US Army Air Forces, POW died July 11, 1942. Buried: Manila American Cemetery, Taguig City, Philippines. 24 years old.

**Pole 2** - Harold A. Clapp Jr, Private, US Army, POW died 20 November 1942. Buried: Manila American Cemetery, Taguig City, Philippines. 22 years old.

**Pole 1-4FP1** - Harvey Allen Rogers, U S Army Air Forces, POW died 20 November, 1942. Buried: Manila American Cemetery, Taguig City, Philippines. 23 years old.

### WORLD WAR I

28 July, 1914 to 11 November, 1918

**Pole 16** - George D. Clark, Private, US Army National Guard, killed in action, France, 7 November, 1918. Buried: Ocean View Cemetery in Wells, Maine. 18 years old.

**Pole 10** - Edward E. Ramsdell, Private US Army, killed in action, France 30 September, 1918. Buried: First Parish Cemetery in York, Maine. 26 years old.

**Pole 12** - Wells B. Cumings, Private, US Marine Corps, died of wounds, France, 30 June. 1918. Buried: Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, France. 20 years old.

**Pole 131** - Edward J. Labonte, Private, US Marine Corps. killed in action, France, 6 June, 1918. Buried: Arlington Cemetery. 20 years old.

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