

# VETERANS MEMORIAL FLAGPOLE MONUMENT BEAUTIFICATION FUND DRIVE



The Darien Police Department and the Darien VFW are raising funds for the revitalization of the Veterans Memorial Flagpole Monument which resides in the Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery in the Town of Darien. This Veteran's Cemetery is one of only three in Connecticut.

The monument was sculpted by Karl Lang, a Darien resident who maintained a studio on Nearwater Lane until his death in 1952. As a pupil of Gutzon Borglum, Mr. Lang worked with Borglum on Mount Rushmore. The memorial sculpture was dedicated to the fallen soldiers of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, and all other veterans of our nation on May 30, 1936.

As a symbol of honor to our nation's veterans we feel that this monument is in serious need of revitalization. We intend to leave the monument as it stands, but will place new plantings around the monument in order to honor its patriotic significance. Darien resident Lesley MacAulay Kroll, Master of Landscape Architecture, is donating her services to the project and brings a true sense of poignancy and symbolism to the effort. Our landscape plan will place flowers and shrubs, which are symbolic to veterans, in and around the traffic circle where the monument sits.

This project is being done in honor of the 2,184 soldiers buried in the Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery as well as honoring all of our nation's soldiers, past and present.

Please help us with our effort by donating to this Veterans Memorial Flagpole Monument Fund. We hope to have this project completed by Memorial Day 2010.

Tax-deductible contributions may be made by check to the Darien VFW Post 6933, with "Veterans Flagpole Project" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the VFW (PO Box 2172, Darien, CT 06820-0172). Phone #203-656-0003

