

# FORM C - OBJECT

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Billerica

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Town Chelmsford

Place (neighborhood or village)  
Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park

Address or Location between 230 & 250 North Rd

Name Desert Storm Monument

Ownership  Public  Private

Type of Object (check one).

- statue
- bust
- group composition
- religious shrine
- boundary marker
- other (specify)
- monument
- milestone
- marker

Date of Construction 1991

Source Janice Mugford

Designer/Sculptor inscribed by Al Garside; wording by Desert Storm committee

Materials pink granite from Garside Monuments, Westford

Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved  no  yes Date 1993  
from within the park [was on small hill at left rear]

Acreage 38.26 acres

Setting lightly wooded, bounded by small stream, very busy North Rd.. Former police station on south side, middle school on north side beyond small stream which flows on the north side of the park.

Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

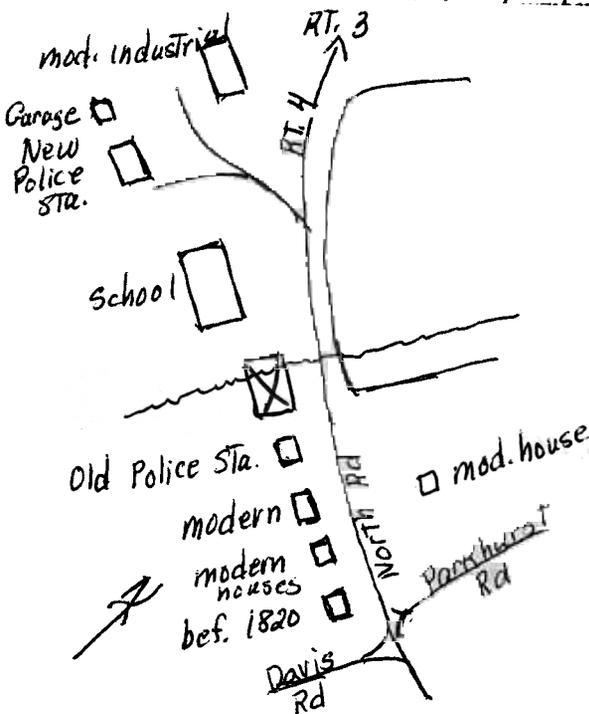
Date (month/year) Nov. 2003

## Photograph



## Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the object's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between object and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets



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### DESIGN ASSESSMENT see continuation sheet

Describe the design features of the object, and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.

The color pink was chosen to avoid being like the black POW/MIA stone, but its design was planned to fit in with other stones not yet placed. It was to have a somewhat slanted front. However, due to complications (the two co-chairmen, Janice Mugford & Mary Moran, and Mike Kinney, founder of the park), the stone that arrived on the day before the dedication was not what was ordered, and, in the minds of the committee resembled a cemetery stone. However, they no choice but to accept it.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

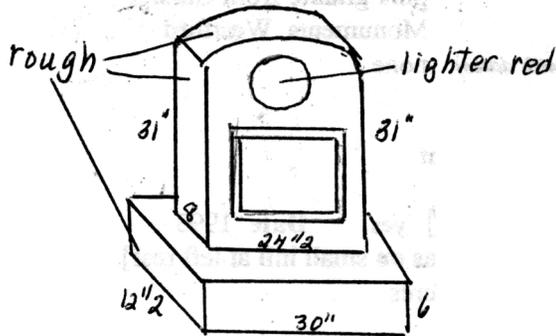
Explain the history of the object, and how it relates to the development of the community

This monument was dedicated on 10 A.M. Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1991, honoring Desert Storm veterans of Chelmsford. This dedication took place a year before the park itself was dedicated. Desert Storm veterans present at the unveiling of the stone included Airman First Class Sgt. Charles Swanson and Army Spec. 4 Michael Russo, who had just returned the previous Monday. He said after the ceremony, "It pleases me a lot to see that everyone is up and at 'em about our serving in the Gulf. This is the spirit I was hoping for when I was sent over there." Also present was "Army Spec. 4 Brad Cassie, who was a resident of New Jersey but was staying with Russo."

"Town manager Bernard Lynch awarded the three Chelmsford Desert Storm veterans with medalions in recognition of their efforts on behalf of their country, while Police Chief Raymond McKeon expressed his pride in both his town and its residents. 'As a Korean War veteran, I find it particularly satisfying to experience the strength and patriotism that is permeating our country,' he said. 'I'm sure the Desert Storm veterans will not be forgotten.'"

The granite monument was "unveiled by Emblem Club president Kathie Bradley and junior past president Karen Dunn. The Emblem Club, which is affiliated with the Elks, raised all the funds for the perpetual monument and its engraving."

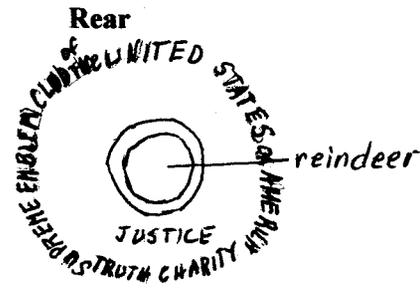
### ENTIRE INSCRIPTION (if applicable)



**Front**  
OPERATION  
[U.S. flag over eagle]

DESERT STORM

IN HONOR OF  
THE MEN AND WOMEN  
IN THE U.S. MILITARY  
WHO DEDICATED  
THEIR LIVES TO  
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE



IN GRATEFUL  
APPRECIATION FROM THE  
CHELMSFORD EMBLEM CLUB

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JUNE 29, 1991

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

Chelmsford Newsweekly, July 4, 1991

Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park records

Janice Mugford, co-chairman of Desert Storm stone committee, from Emblem Club, Jan. 20, 2003

Recommended for listing in National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

# THE DESERT STORM MEMORIAL

## The First Monument in the Park – JUNE 29, 1991



(Photo courtesy of Janice Mugford)

The Desert Storm stone in its original location, later the stone was moved to it's current location.



(Photo

to courtesy of Janice Mugford)

Some of The Emblem Club officers attending the Dedication are (l-r) Karen Dunn - Past President, Ellen Criscitella – Mass State President, Janice Mugford – Past President and Chairman of the event, and Mary F. Moran – Co-Chairman of the event. Back Row: Chelmsford Desert Storm Participants.



(Photo courtesy of Janice Mugford)

Emblem Club members Kathie Bradley and Karen Dunn prepare to unveil the Desert Storm Monument. Janice Mugford prepares to speak.



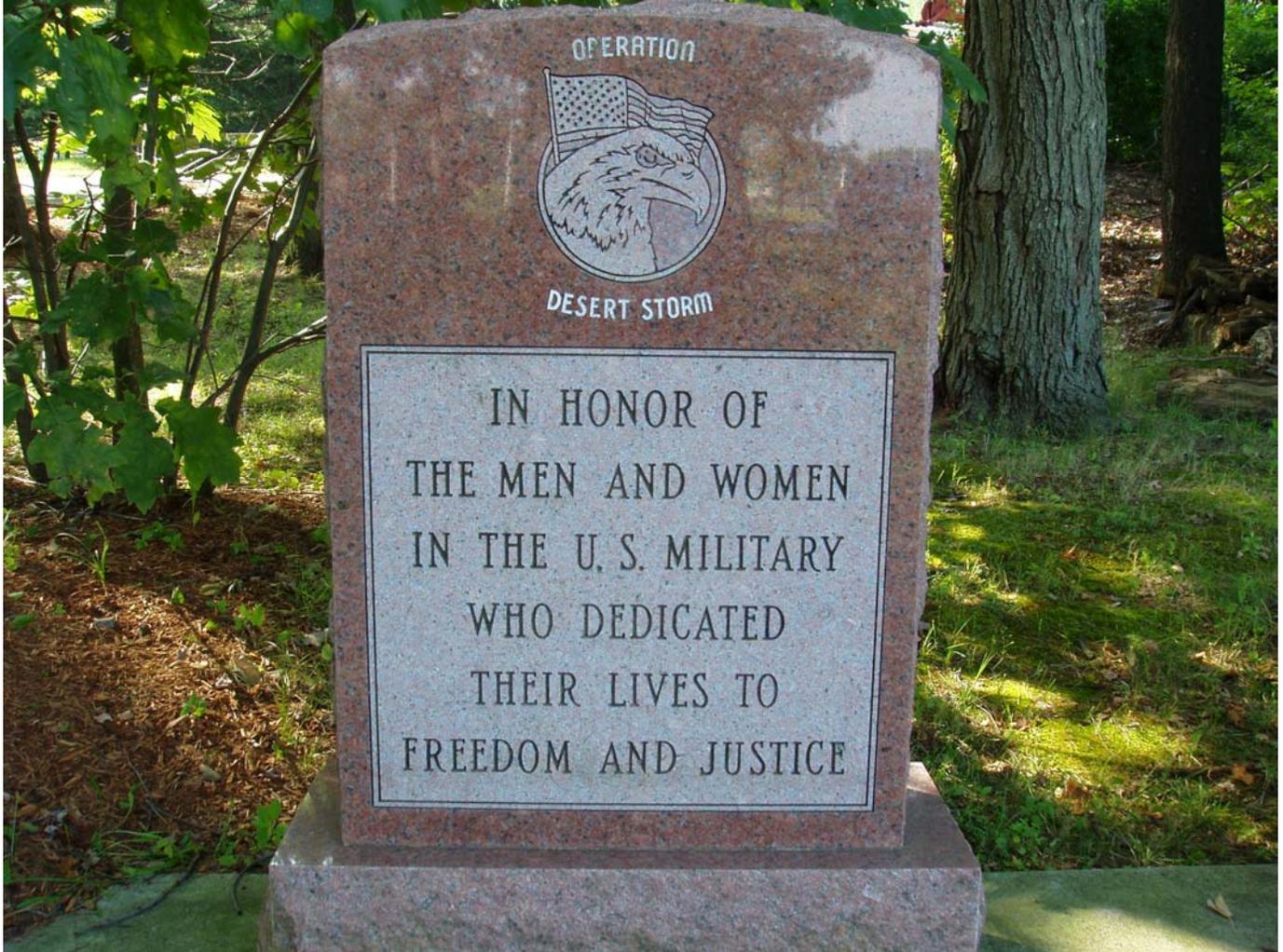
(Photo to courtesy of Janice Mugford)

Janice Mugford gives address at Dedication with members of the Military and Veterans in attendance



(Photo courtesy of Janice Mugford)

Desert Storm Veterans from Chelmsford at the stone



'Desert Storm Monument' Veterans Memorial Park

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