

**FORM C - OBJECT**

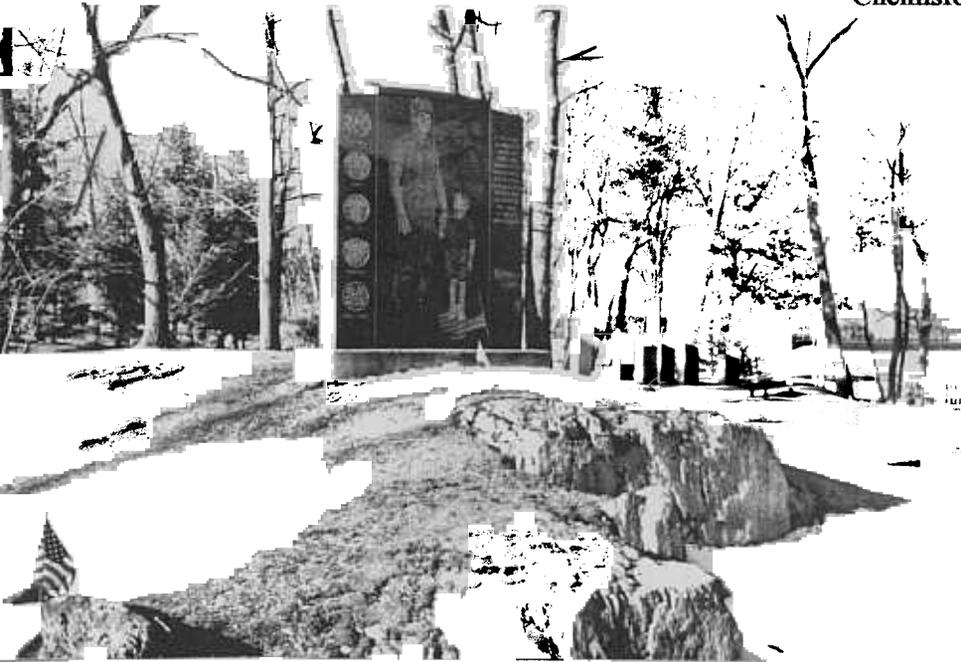
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town Chelmsford

Place (neighborhood or village)  
 Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park



Location between 230 & 250 North Rd.

Designer & Boy "My Hero" Stone

Public  Private

Object (check one).

- monument
- milestone
- marker
- composition
- us shrine
- military marker (specify)

Construction 1995

VMP records

Designer/Sculptor Milton Kinney, Joseph Mahr

Materials black granite from Luz Monuments, Lowell

Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreage 38.26 acres

Setting lightly wooded, on very busy North Rd. Former police station on the south side, middle school on the north side beyond a small stream, which flows on the north side of the park. Across North Rd. is a condominium complex.

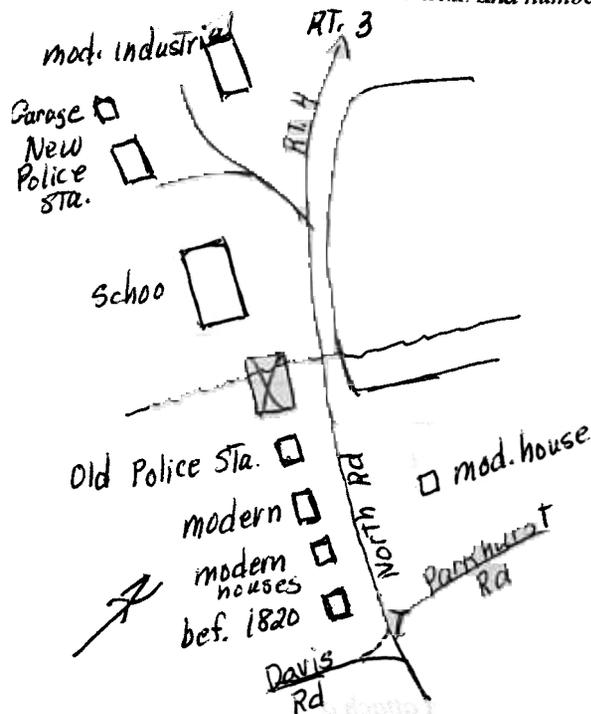
Recorded by Jane B. Drury

Organization for Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2003

**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 and buildings if any. Circle and number



## OBJECT FORM

### 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.

This monument is unique in Chelmsford, and, indicating its importance, stands on a low knoll at the entrance to the park, facing North rd., easily seen by all driving by.

The stone represents military members, having gone to fight for freedom, came back to resume their lives.

The image on the polished face of the stone was transferred from a photograph of a soldier from Chelmsford and the nephew of Mike Kinney, the founder of the park. The soldier is clad in fatigues, holding the hand of a boy in shorts, t-shirt & high-topped sneakers. To the right, carved into the stone, is the inscription.

"The American soldier has always been looking out for our children – whether they are our own or those where they are stationed," said Jeffrey Stallard of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. "This helps to symbolize the soldiers' ties to home."

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet

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

Originally a bronze statue carved by Sculptor Mico Kaufman of Tewksbury was planned but it proved to be too expensive. A tall stone envisioned instead. Mike Kinney and Joe Mahr (the latter soon after deceased) planned the design they would like. Shortly after that, a party was given to some soldiers recently returned from Desert Storm. A local soldier was there in civilian clothes. When asked to be a model for the monument, he was delighted and immediately changed into full uniform. A little boy, Mike's nephew, also happened to be there. A photographer took their picture together, which was taken to Luz Granite. Adrian Luz drew the design and engraved it on to the granite stone. In July 1992, when the park was being dedicated, the stone was still unfinished, due to lack of funds. During the flag raising the "crowd whistled and applauded as a little blonde-haired boy led a soldier, dressed in camouflage gear, by the hand to the center of the park.

### ENTIRE INSCRIPTION (if applicable).

[SYMBOL]

ARMY

[SYMBOL]

NAVY

[SYMBOL]

AIR FORCE

[SYMBOL]

MARINES

[SYMBOL]

COAST GUARD]

IN THIS PLACE  
OF HONOR WE  
SALUTE ALL  
THOSE WHO  
SERVED IN THE  
ARMED FORCES  
AND RECOGNIZE  
THEIR DEDICATION  
TO DUTY AND

SACRIFICES  
THEY MADE  
TO PROTECT  
OUR FREEDOM

In the center: soldier holding hand of little boy

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet

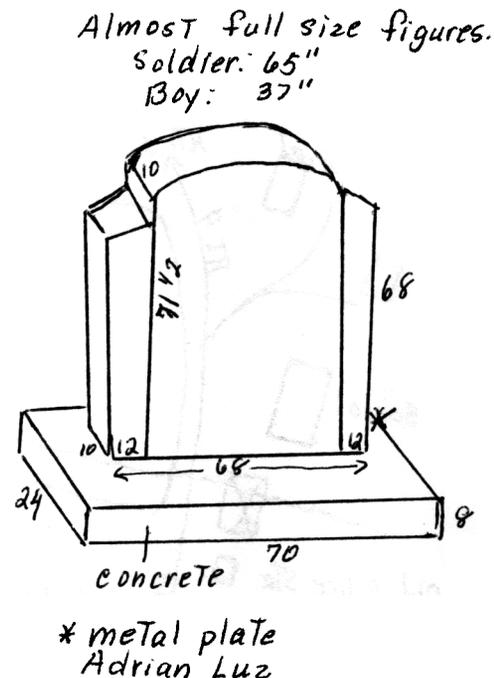
Chelmsford Veterans Park records, Deborah Kendrick, clerk.

Chelmsford Newsweekly, June 1, 1995

Elizabeth Delaney, Jan. 18, 2003

Milton Kinney, June 30, 2003

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



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town  
CHELMSFORD

Property Address  
BETWEEN 230-250 NORTH RDS.

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## Soldier & Boy Monument:

Five years passed after the monument was first envisioned until sufficient money could be raised to finished it. This was finally accomplished when the families of Ruth Delaney and Patrick Murtaugh donated enough money to put the fund "over the top."

The monument was unveiled and dedicated on a Sunday afternoon late in May, 1995. "A crowd of about 100 milled around the black granite monument in the front of the park, and flags waved in the breeze." At the close of the ceremony a "21-gun salute was sounded, followed by buglers playing 'Taps'."



'Soldier and Boy "My Hero" Stone' Veterans Memorial Park

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