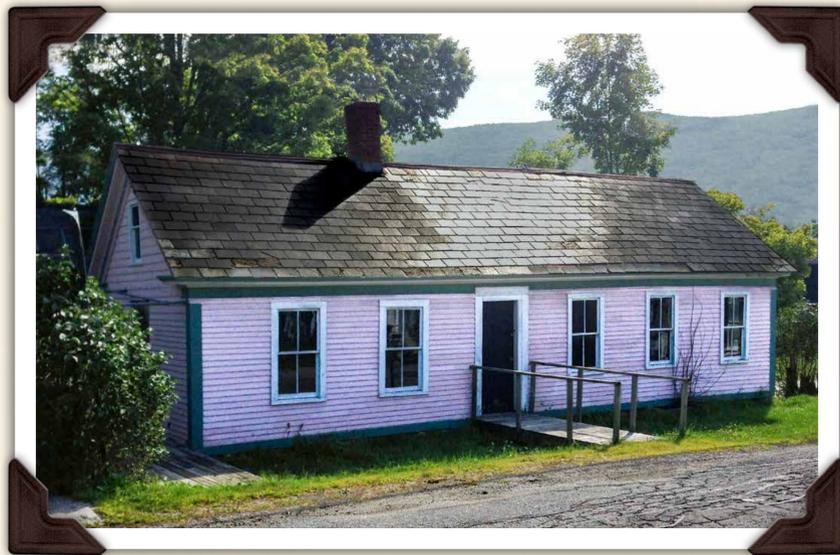


## *The Memorial - Background*

In the early 1800's, early settlers built a home on this site, adjacent to Mill Brook and just a few hundred feet from neighboring Mt Tabor. The house had many owners over its nearly 200 years. In the 1900's, Mrs. Marguerite Perry, as town telephone operator, resided in the house and manually connected every phone call in town. It was known for many years as the "Ralph House" for its longtime owners. In its final years, local residents called it the "Pink House," a moniker derived from its bright pink color. "Turn at the Pink House," was a common direction for visitors.



In 2014, owners Timothy Cameron and Robert Tobin generously donated the site for the Danby-Mt Tabor Veterans Memorial. The old post and beam house was disassembled to be rebuilt at a different location, and site work began to make way for the memorial.

Over 700 citizens from our two towns are recognized and honored on the memorial wall. Many of our veterans came from local farms, the logging industry or the marble quarry. They left their jobs and their families, making many sacrifices to protect our liberties. Most volunteered to go to war, while others were "conscripted" or "drafted." Some made the ultimate sacrifice losing their lives in combat. Many dealt with lifelong injuries and battle scars.

Military families stayed behind tending to the cows and livestock, sowing and harvesting the fields, and caring for family businesses to make ends meet – not knowing from one day to the next whether their loved ones would return. We honor all of our veterans and their families.

The memorial is crafted with marble from the Danby quarry. The wrought iron sign anchoring the name wall is the old Danby Green sign, rejuvenated for this special place. The dove was hand-painted by local artist, Diane Meitrott. The flagpole was donated by the Sendra family in memory of Vincent and Raymond Sendra, veterans of World War II and Korea.

Our veterans went off to serve our country, while their hearts remained in their Vermont hometowns. Their names are now inscribed for all future generations. This is a space for reverence and reflection. Please take some time to honor our veterans, to enjoy scenic views along Mill Brook, and to take in the awesome spectacle of Vermont's Green Mountains. Thank you for visiting the Danby-Mt Tabor Veterans Memorial.



Most of us desire to make a difference in our community. When Richard Carter became a member of the Danby community in the early 2000's he looked around for a project in which he felt he could make a contribution. In time he hit on the idea of building a memorial, a visible means of showing public support and appreciation for the veterans of Danby and Mt Tabor.

The task of creating some sort of Veterans Memorial became Rich's goal and passion. The task was enormous and included:

- Creating a nonprofit organization from scratch – Danby Mt Tabor Now (DMT Now).
- Identifying and verifying veterans from the revolutionary war through the present.
- Finding land on which to build.
- Designing the memorial.
- Raising the needed funds.
- Finding companies and individuals who would donate materials and services.

It took time and persistence but over a number of years the memorial came together. While this could not have happened without the help of many community members and the contributions of a number of local companies it is important to remember it would not have happened at all without the vision, hard work and dogged persistence of Richard Carter.

# Battles for Democracy

The veterans honored on this wall bravely served during many conflicts.

**Revolutionary War [1775-1783]** also known as the American War of Independence, was a political upheaval during the last half of the 18th century in which 13 colonies in North America joined together to break from the British Empire, combining to become the United States of America. Thousands of Vermonters fought in the Revolutionary War, although Vermont was not officially a state until 1791.

**War of 1812 [1812-1814]** or the Second War of Independence, was a military conflict between the United States and Great Britain. The outcome resolved many issues which remained from the American War of Independence, including trade, British support of Native American tribes against American expansion, outrage after humiliations of sailors on the high seas, and possible American interest in annexing Canada.

**War with Mexico [1846-1848]** was an armed conflict between the United States and Mexico in the wake of the 1845 U.S. annexation of Texas, which Mexico considered part of its territory despite the 1836 Texas Revolution. The end result of the war gave the United States control over present day California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

**Civil War [1861-1865]** also known as the War Between the States, was fought after several Southern states broke away and formed the Confederate States of America. The war had its origin in the fractious issue of slavery, especially the extension of slavery into the western territories. After four years of bloody combat, leaving 750,000 soldiers dead and destroying much of the South's infrastructure, the Confederacy collapsed, slavery was abolished, and the difficult Reconstruction process of restoring national unity and guaranteeing rights to the freed slaves began.

**Spanish-American War [1898]** ended Spain's colonial empire in the Western Hemisphere and secured the position of the United States as a Pacific power. The end of the war produced a peace treaty that compelled the Spanish to relinquish claims on Cuba, and to cede sovereignty over Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines to the United States. The United States also annexed the independent state of Hawaii during the conflict.

**World War I [Jul 28, 1914 – Nov 11, 1918]** also called the First World War or the Great War, was a global war originating in Europe. It was one of the deadliest conflicts in history with 9 million combatant and 7 million civilian deaths and paved the way for major political changes, including revolutions in many of the European nations involved and redrawing of national boundaries. It was also called "the war to end all wars," although history proved that to not be the case.

**World War II [Sep 1, 1939 – Sep 2, 1945]** was a global war, involving the vast majority of the world's nations – including all of the great powers and forming two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis. It was the most widespread war in history, directly involving more than 100 million people from over 30 countries. The major participants threw their entire economic, industrial, and scientific capabilities behind the war effort. Marked by mass deaths of civilians, including the Holocaust (up to eleven million people, mostly Jews, were killed) and the strategic bombing of industrial and population centers, including the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan (1 million were killed).

**Korean Conflict [Jun 25, 1950 – Jul 27, 1953]** began when North Korea invaded South Korea. The United Nations, with the United States as the principal force, came to the aid of South Korea. China, with assistance from the Soviet Union, came to the aid of North Korea. The fighting ended when an armistice was signed, creating the Demilitarized Zone to separate North Korea and South Korea, and allowed the return of prisoners. However, no peace treaty has been signed, and the two Koreas are technically still at war. Periodic clashes have continued over the years.

**Vietnam War [Aug 7, 1964 - Apr 30, 1975]** US involvement in the war between North and South Vietnam was viewed as a way to prevent a Communist takeover of South Vietnam, part of a wider containment policy with the aim of stopping the spread of communism. The North Vietnamese government and the Viet Cong were fighting to reunify Vietnam. They viewed the conflict as a colonial war, fought initially against France and then the United States, and later against South Vietnam. The United States had had a small group of advisors in South Vietnam since the 1950's to help the South orchestrate the conflict, but the Gulf of Tonkin resolution in 1964 led to the movement of hundreds of thousands of troops into the country. Over 58,000 US soldiers were killed during a ten year period.

**Persian Gulf War [Aug 2, 1990 – Feb 28, 1991]** Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, which it considered Iraqi land, led to the largest coalition of forces since World War II. The United States led coalition liberated Kuwait from occupation. Also known as Operation Desert Storm, the war was marked by the introduction of live news broadcasts from the front lines of the battle, principally by the CNN network.

**Afghanistan War [Oct 7, 2001 – Dec 28, 2014]** Following the attacks on US targets on Sep 11, 2001, including the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon, the United States demanded that Afghanistan turn over the mastermind of the attacks, Osama Bin Laden, and expel the terrorist group, al-Qaeda. When Afghanistan refused, the United States led coalition forces into the country to fulfill the mission.

**Iraq War [Mar 20, 2003 – Dec 31, 2011]** Also known as the Second Persian Gulf War, it was a protracted armed conflict that began with the invasion of Iraq by a United States-led coalition. The invasion toppled the government of Saddam Hussein, who was alleged to have been harboring weapons of mass destruction. The conflict continued for much of the next decade as an insurgency emerged to oppose the occupying forces and the post-invasion Iraqi government. The United States became re-involved in 2014.



## Total US Fatalities by War

Civil War	750,000
World War II	405,399
World War I	116,516
Vietnam	58,151
Korea	26,516
Revolutionary War	25,000
War of 1812	15,000
War with Mexico	13,283
Iraq/Afghanistan	6,717
Spanish American War	2,446
Persian Gulf War	292

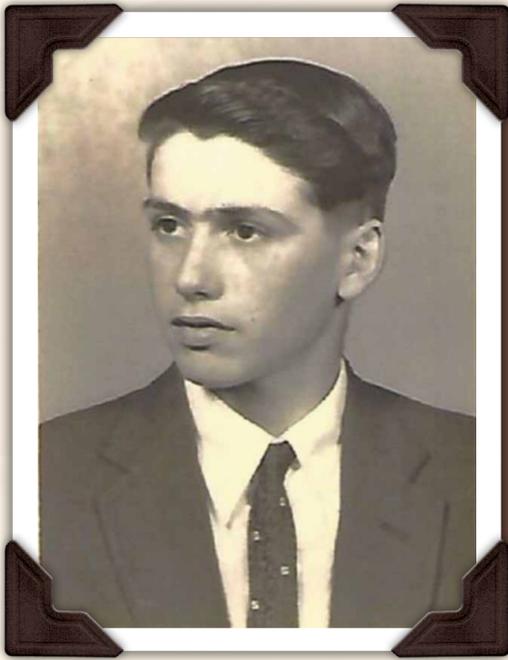
## *More Local Veterans*

Veteran Names: The veterans inscribed on the memorial are individuals who resided in either Danby or Mt Tabor at the time of enlistment and served in the US Armed Forces during indicated wartime dates. While efforts have been made to ensure that all names are included, missing names may be sent to Danby-Mt Tabor Now, 34 South Main St, Danby, VT 05739, along with a copy of the veteran's discharge paper and the sender's contact information. The Board of Trustees of Danby-Mt Tabor Now, Inc will make all final decisions pertaining to corrections.

### **Served during peacetime or lived in Danby or Mt Tabor after enlistment**

Peter Brittain	Donald C Harrington	William J Mertz
Brenda J Brown-Fizur	Donald Hinkel	Gene N Nichols
Timothy Cameron	Bruce E Hodgkin	Thomas O'Brien
Robert Cressy	David Hosley	Harold O Smith
Willard Fredette	E John Howarth	Harris Peel
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Andrew J Gaiotti Jr	Patrick Keyes	Richard Smith
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Daniel Garceau	Robert A Lemley	Karl R Vernon
William J Gormley	Donald Macheski	Ronald C Witt Sr
	Daniel McCarthy	

## *Harvey R Howard - A Local Hero*



Harvey R Howard [Dec 15, 1946 – Oct 16, 1967] is the last resident of our towns to have given his life for his country. He was a 20-year old resident of Danby who lost his life during the Vietnam War. He and his family lived on Staples Road, and he attended local schools, graduating from Wallingford High School. In Harvey's honor, fellow soldiers named a river port in Vietnam for him and a fellow soldier, who had both helped build the port.

Harvey is buried at Scottsville Cemetery in his hometown, along with members of his family and scores of other local veterans.

We shall forever be indebted to Harvey and other veterans who died in combat.

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