

On August 19, 1923, the people of Southampton dedicated a WWI memorial to the individuals from the area who had served in the military during that war. The names of 294 of those who served, in addition to eight men who lost their lives, are inscribed upon the walls of this monument. Since this memorial was erected nearly 90 years ago, it has become a well-known historical landmark and the centerpiece of Agawam Park.

Over the course of the years, the salt air, humidity, leaks, inadequate drainage and other environmental factors have taken its toll on this structure, causing severe cracks and holes. This has made the foundation unstable. Although the structure underwent its first renovation project in August 1993, the current structural flaws must be addressed, not only so future generations can pay tribute to the brave soldiers who served, but also to ensure the safety of the public.

“The memorials of the War which are erected in this country should be of such character that for a century to come they will be objects of beauty and veneration.”

-Report of Special Committee to the Village of Southampton, August 1921



WWI Memorial at the monument's first dedication ceremony on August 19, 1923.

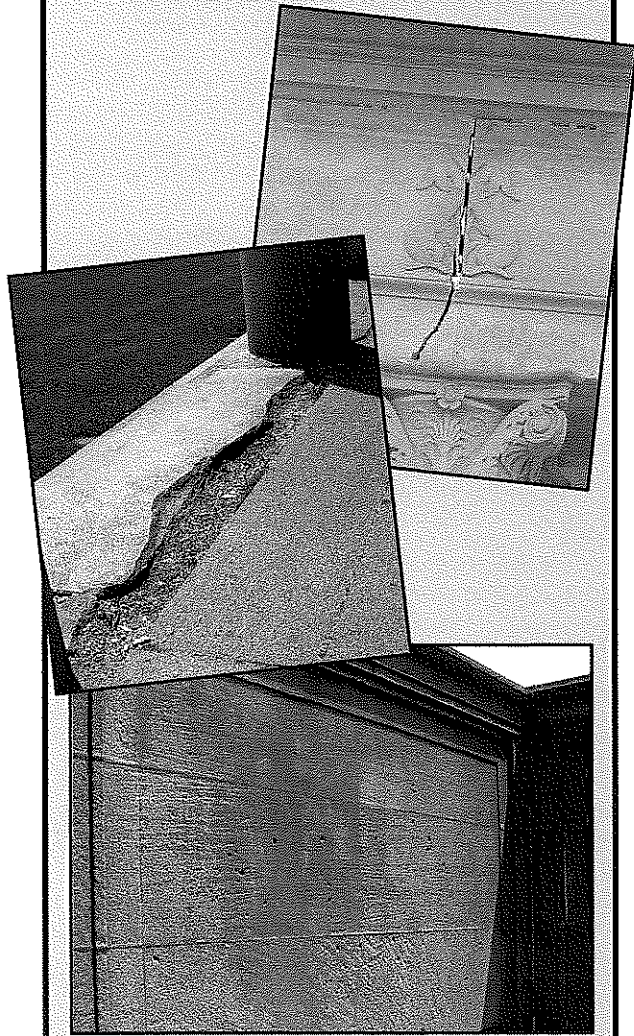
(Photo courtesy of Southampton Historical Museums and Research Center.)

WWI MEMORIAL RESTORATION AT AGAWAM PARK

*A Lasting
Tribute to Our
Heroes...*



A LOOK AT. NEEDED REPAIRS



As seen in these pictures, the weather has deteriorated the memorial over the years. The limestone is cracked and discolored, which will be fixed through the restoration project.

When the WWI Memorial at Agawam Park was first built in 1923, it was considered to be one of the most beautiful monuments in the United States. The Village looks forward to restoring this great memorial to its former beauty. At this time we are seeking your support to preserve and maintain the beauty and structural integrity of this monument, and invite you to make a donation to support the restoration. We hope to raise approximately \$250,000 to move forward with this project, which is expected to begin in Fall 2010.

The following is a list of work proposed for the restoration:

- All cracks and holes in the limestone will be filled
- All limestone steps and pavers will be replaced
- All granite pavers will be removed and saved
- The granite and limestone will be set with a new slope to allow for better water drainage

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The 2010 World War I Donor Honor Roll will recognize those individuals, businesses, and organizations that make a significant contribution to help the Village meet its goal of raising \$250,000. All those contributing at the Eagle, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Friend levels will be permanently recognized on a plaque near the memorial. The donor name will be displayed on the plaque according to the amount donated. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Yes, I would like to donate to the WWI Memorial Restoration.

(Please check one)

- Eagle (\$25,000+)
 Platinum (\$17,500-\$24,999)
 Gold (\$10,000-\$17,499)
 Silver (\$5,000-\$9,999)
 Bronze (\$1,000-\$4,999)
 Friend (\$100-\$999)
 Other _____

Name:

Business Name (if applicable):

Address:

Town/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Amount of Donation:

Please make checks payable to:
Village of Southampton
c/o WWI Memorial Restoration Project
23 Main Street
Southampton, NY 11968

Thank you for generously making a donation to support the WWI monument at Agawam Park. For further information, contact Mayor Mark Epley at MayorsOffice@SouthamptonVillage.org.