

Across the street is a tall granite monument dedicated to the five Sturbridge men and a separate memorial to one from Wisconsin who died here, who gave their lives so we ALL could stand here today in a free country, enjoying life.

Platoon Sergeant Rudolph "Rudy" Julian United States Marine Corps Reserve recipient of the country's greatest honor for a serviceman, the Congressional Medal of Honor. (Read his Citation)

His cousin, Corporal Rosaire Julian, United States Army who gave his life when a German shell struck the boat he was in crossing the Rhine River. His body was never recovered.

MO.M.M. Lincoln Plimpton United States Naval Reserve was found floating in the sea after his ship was hit by a German "buzz bomb". Unidentified at the time, his body was later identified made by the name "Plimpton" on his dungarees.

Fireman 1/c Roland Henry Vilandre United States Navy, was aboard the submarine USS Cisco when it was destroyed by bombs and depth charges. He lies with his crewmates at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean near the Phillipines.

1st Lieutenant Joshua Loren Booth, United States Marine Corp gave his life at the hands of an Iraqi sniper as he was visiting Iraqi citizens hoping to establish ties with them as a prelude to peace.

On a separate marker, Lt. Charles Collins, United States Army Air Corps, from Baraboo Wisconsin, lost his life when his P-47 aircraft ran out of fuel over Sturbridge. He lost a leg parachuting from the disabled craft which crashed on Blake Hill at the Holland-Sturbridge town line and his body was found by military searchers 10 days later off Mashapaug Road.