



## The War Memorial Book

The newly revised War Memorial Book will return to the Lincoln Public Library on Memorial Day, following a two-year project in which the beautifully calligraphed volume was expanded and updated. The book will be unveiled in a special ceremony in conjunction with the town's Memorial Day observances, and will remain on permanent display at the library.

The War Memorial Book is a gorgeously wrought, leather-bound book commemorating Lincoln residents who served their country in the armed forces during times of war. It was given to the town in 1960 by the Veterans Memorial Committee, which consisted of Leo J. Algeo, Clifford W. Bradley, Edward J. Chisholm, Andrew J. Dougherty, Harriet Rogers, William Whalen, and E. Donlan Rooney, chairman. Al Sturgis did the calligraphy.

It contains the names of each Lincoln individual credited with service during our nation's wars, starting with the American Revolution. Until now, it ended with the Korean War. The revisions were undertaken to include the names of those who served during the Vietnam War, and to incorporate new research about Lincoln residents in the Revolutionary War. The updates reflect the latest information available, as the names of Lincoln residents who served in the Gulf War, in Iraq, and in Afghanistan have not yet been compiled.

Early in the project, it was decided to correct and update the list of Revolutionary War soldiers at the same time, in accordance with new information from *Embattled Farmers: Campaigns and Profiles of Revolutionary Soldiers from Lincoln, Massachusetts, 1775-1783*, by Rick Wiggin, which was published by the Lincoln Historical Society last year. The project to update the book with Vietnam service men and women was initiated by Veterans Affairs Chairwoman, Priscilla Leach, and former town historian, Peg Martin, and was carried out by the Lincoln Historical Society. The Society is grateful to the Ogden Codman Trust which provided funding to make this project possible.