



**American Legion Post 90  
Mamaroneck Historical Society**

**American Legion Post 347  
Larchmont Historical Society**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, David Potts, Jr. Post 1156  
Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund**

May 20, 2007

Cheryl and Ed Murray  
412 Munro Avenue, Apt. 2D  
Mamaroneck, New York 10543

Dear Cheryl and Ed,

May 25, 2007, marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication and donation of the Richard M. Kemper Park, a World War II Memorial. The Memorial Park is named after Lt. Richard Kemper, who was killed in action in Normandy on August 6, 1944, and was donated to the Mamaroneck School District by the Kemper family.

Along with Richard Kemper, 98 other individuals are honored at the Memorial Park and, as you know, one of these is Pvt. Arthur Betker. To recognize "Our 99", American Legion Post 90 (Mamaroneck), American Legion Post 347 (Larchmont), the Mamaroneck Historical Society, the Larchmont Historical Society, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund are jointly sponsoring a commemorative project. Gold Star Banner placards (9" x 15") have been printed to present to the relatives of each one of those heroes and to the current residents of the homes where the original Gold Star Banners hung 60 years ago. Enclosed is a photocopy of the design.

We are hoping that you would like to have one of these Gold Star Banners placards at your home to help honor Pvt. Becker and to heighten awareness of, not only the sacrifice he and his family made, but what this sacrifice meant to all of us. Arthur was our neighbor; he attended our schools and churches, shopped in our stores, played in our parks and enjoyed our social events. He is one of the reasons our community is so special.

If you are interested in one of the banners, please call Jan Northrup at 834-5757 or e-mail her at [northbru@aol.com](mailto:northbru@aol.com) and she can make arrangements for its delivery and installment. We would also like to make the placard available to other members of your family who might be interested, so please spread the word. The placards can either be placed in the ground or displayed on a window or wall.

Thank you for your consideration.