

DANBURY DELEGATION APPLAUDS \$1.4 MILLION GRANT-IN-AID TO RENOVATE WAR MEMORIAL

DANBURY – Area lawmakers are praising a bipartisan effort that has resulted in the placing of a \$1.4 million grant-in-aid on the Dec. 21 State Bond Commission's Agenda for renovations to the Danbury War Memorial, including upgrades to the utility, fire alarm and sprinkler systems. ([See Item #53](#)).

"The Danbury War Memorial Building is a block from my house. I spent time using it for decades," **State Representative Bob Godfrey** (D-110th District) said. "It's a community center, an exercise facility, a voting place, and most importantly, Danbury's Emergency Shelter. It's electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems are old, and need to be brought up to code. This is a big step forward."

"Over the years, like most Danburians, I've attended countless meetings, veterans' events and basketball games at the War Memorial," **Senator Julie Kushner** said. "I so appreciate that the War Memorial has been there for our homeless when Covid hit our community hard, and after the last major flooding event the doors were opened yet again to provide shelter to those in need. I'm grateful that this grant-in-aid to the City of Danbury to allow us to upgrade utility systems that are desperately needed, helping to preserve a great Danbury institution and keeping its users safe and secure. I'm grateful to the Governor and the State Bond Commission for supporting the Danbury community."

"The Danbury War Memorial Building has been a cornerstone of our local community for years. This grant will ensure that the building will be able to undertake some much-needed renovation projects. I'd like to thank the State Bond Commission for their continued commitment to Danbury," said **State Representative Kenneth Gucker** (D-109th)

"I was a member at the Danbury War Memorial for about 15 years and echo Rep. Godfrey's sentiments," **State Rep. Pat Callahan** (R-108th) said. "It is a wonderful facility for the Danbury community."

"The Danbury War Memorial is a vital resource for so many in our community," said **State Rep. Raghieb Allie-Brennan** (D-2nd). "Securing these funds will ensure the War Memorial can be updated to meet the growing needs of Danburians for years to come. I am grateful to the State Bond Commission for granting our request and recognizing the importance of this community mainstay."

"I am pleased funding for the War Memorial was prioritized in this round of state grants and dated equipment along with critical upgrades to the facility will now happen," said **Rep. David Arconti** (D-109th). "With these vital upgrades our community will continue to enjoy this facility for years to come."

"I am thankful to the State Bonding Commission for the authorization of these critical funds for the Danbury War Memorial," **Rep. Stephen Harding** (R-107th) said. "This memorial has served

as a historic and vital building for the people of Danbury for generations and this funding will help to ensure it continues to serve in that same important capacity for generations to come."

"We couldn't be more thankful, what a nice Christmas present," said **Chick Volpe, War Memorial Association Board Chairman**. "I was telling Bob for us, being a non-profit there is no way we could have raised that kind of money on our own, so we are very thankful."