

News Release

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Fundraising Begins for Simsbury Veterans Memorial in Downtown Simsbury

Simsbury, Connecticut – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1926 and the American Legion Post 84 have begun fundraising for a memorial in downtown Simsbury, which will honor all Simsbury veterans that have died in service of their country. The Memorial will be prominently located in downtown Simsbury, directly off Hopmeadow Street just south of the Simsbury Public Library.

The Veterans Memorial will have four 10' granite columns, each representing the four pillars of Democracy – the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Symbols of American Democracy which will include the American Flag with the Liberty Bell and Statue of Liberty. Listed in the second and third columns will be the 104 residents of Simsbury who have died during wartime. There will also be six granite benches representing the five branches of armed service – the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy; as well as the Merchant Marines. The extensive design work for the memorial and site was donated by Terri-Ann Hahn, principal of LADA, P.C., a local landscape architectural firm out of Simsbury.

“The Simsbury Veterans Memorial will serve Simsbury as a quiet place of reflection, and a fitting way to honor the residents of Simsbury that have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country,” remarked First Selectman Mary Glassman. The Town will provide some site work to the site to help the veterans realize this goal.

Both veterans groups are looking for corporate and individual sponsorships to complete this Memorial, with a goal of \$175,000 needed. In addition to sponsorships and donations, they will be selling brick pavers so that friends and family members of any veteran can honor the service he/she has provided to this country. While the Memorial will list only Simsbury residents, pavers can be purchased for any veteran, past or present, from any town.

For more information on how to become a donor, or purchase a brick paver, please contact Ray Jennings at 860-658-1034 or email him at rayj472@yahoo.com.

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