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The Essex Foundation Helps Power Up Veterans Hall *Awards grant for purchase and installation of standby generator*

Essex, CT – Long before the arrival of COVID-19 and Storm Isaias, The Essex Foundation Board of Directors approved a grant request from Essex Veterans Memorial Hall (EVMH) for the purchase and installation of a standby generator. Members of the Hall's house committee detailed the need for backup power for the entire facility in case of prolonged power outages, and the opportunity for the Hall to be used as a comfort station by members, their guests, and the greater community. The generator was purchased and installed in March while the Hall was closed (until recently), following state health and safety guidelines.



The generator project is one of several initiatives under taken by the Hall's 200 members to improve the building's interior and exterior over the past few years. In 2017 The Essex Foundation provided funding support for the paving of the onsite parking lot. Located at 3 Westbrook Road in Centerbrook, the building was once the Centerbrook Schoolhouse. It became Essex Veterans Memorial Hall in 1946 and is the last known stand-alone, 501(c)(19) nonprofit veterans organization on the East Coast. It now serves as a resource for veterans, their families, and

the greater community, including free hall usage to area nonprofit organizations and scout groups.

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Pictured Above: The Essex Foundation President Bruce Glowac (front left) presents a ceremonial check to Essex Veterans Memorial Hall President Art Davies as fellow House Committee members Tim Comstock (back left) and John Pianta stand behind the new standby generator.