

# VETERANS UPDATE

Dear West Haven Veteran,

West Haven is home to nearly 3,000 veterans. As newly appointed chair of the CT Veteran's Affairs committee, I wanted to better understand the needs of the veterans community. Therefore, I led a round table discussion in January with over 40 leaders from veterans' organizations across the state.

Through this educational process I was able to work this session to pass bills that were requested by many veterans. Those bills are listed on the other side of this mailer. I am open to future ideas of how I may continue to help you.

As always, it is my pleasure to represent you and our great city of West Haven up in Hartford. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



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## BILLS I CHAMPIONED THIS SESSION

**House Bill 7244** - To increase the property tax exemption amounts for veterans with a disability.

**Senate Bill 861** - The bill extends certain state war service benefits to veterans who served less than 90 days in a war, but were separated from service because of an injury incurred in the line of duty.

**Senate Bill 863** - Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee because the employee is a member of the civil air patrol.

**Senate Bill 951** - Sets aside 10% of jobs in the Alternate Route to Certification Program for veterans.

**Senate Bill 968** - Creates a Military to Machinist Program to help veteran's get jobs in manufacturing.

**House Bill 7248** - Provides "in state status" for dependents of active military or veterans for the purposes of discounted college tuition.



I enjoyed taking a group of students from West Haven High School to volunteer at the Veterans Affairs Hospital to understand the importance of giving back to those who served.



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on their 100th Anniversary

## SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Soldiers', Sailors' & Marines' Fund  
(203) 789-7841

Veterans Benefits Infoline  
866-928-8387

US Veterans' Affairs  
800-827-1000

West Haven VA Hospital  
203-932-5711

CT Veterans' Workforce Development  
860-263-6514

CT Military Support Program  
866-251-2913

Veterans' Crisis Line  
800-273-8255

Army Reserve Family Programs  
[www.arfp.org](http://www.arfp.org)

VA Forms Online  
[www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms)

CT Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
[www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva)