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Dear West Haven Veteran,

With 185,000 veterans in our state, of which 3,000 reside right here in West Haven, I am continually striving to understand the needs of the veterans community. As the former Chair of the CT Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am committed to honoring and advocating for our veterans.

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, this session I was able to work to pass bills that were requested by the veterans community. In this mailer, I have highlighted my efforts pushing forth legislation that advocates for veterans just like yourself. I am open to future ideas of how I may continue to help in any way that I can.

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!

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2021 VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Here are some of the bills we passed this Session:

VETERANS' OPPORTUNITY PILOT PROGRAM

This new program provides funding to place job specialists for veterans at local non-profits to coordinate the network of services at the CT Department of Labor.

TAX RELIEF FOR VETERANS

We are commissioning a working group to study and make recommendations for tax benefits for veterans.

MILITARY AND VETERANS TRAIL

I introduced a bill to create a state-wide military and veterans trail connecting landmarks across Connecticut. This trail will ensure that each historical site is easily recognizable.

PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

The House passed HB 6483 to remove a hurdle for veterans in Connecticut by allowing military orders to be accepted as proof of residency for public school enrollment.

HONORING VETERANS AT FUNERALS

The House passed HB 6480 to ensure that the State does its part to honor veterans after they have passed on.

LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS DESIGNATING PERIODS OF WAR

You will soon be able to order a license plate that has a federally designated war name and ribbon on it.

FREE DUPLICATE OR RENEWAL LICENSES AT DVA EVENTS

Renewal and duplicate license fees are now waived at specific events hosted by the DVA.

LGBTQ+ VETERANS

HB 5592 ensures LGBTQ+ veterans receive the benefits that they were originally denied because of their sexual or gender identification.

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.va.gov
www.myhealth.va.gov
www.va.gov/coronavirus

TEXT NOTIFICATIONS FOR VETERANS

Sign up at www.va.gov/HEALTH/VEText.asp

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

Veterans' Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255
Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Fund: 1-860-296-0719
VA Call Center: 1-866-808-7921

SECURING FUNDING FOR WEST HAVEN'S MILITARY MUSEUM

I am proud to have worked on and received \$50,000 for our Military Museum so that we can continue to operate this jewel in our city.



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