

VETERANS UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your remarkable service to our country. In order to ensure that your sacrifices are recognized, we will continue to work hard on initiatives that support veterans in Connecticut. This special newsletter provides an update on recent policy initiatives and changes made at the state level to better support you and honor your sacrifices. It also contains resources and contact information for veterans services.

If you have a question or concern, or if I can support you in any way, feel free to call my office at 1-800-842-8267 or email me at Stephen.Dargan@cga.ct.gov.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Best regards,



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SUPPORTING OUR STATE VETERANS

TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY

I was honored to vote in favor of cutting taxes for Veterans effective for tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2015 - giving a 100% CT state income tax exemption for military retirement pay. The exemption applies to Federal retirement pay for all retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and CT Army and Air National Guard.

INCREASING SERVICES TO VETERANS ON CAMPUS

I was proud to co-sponsor this bill which increases services to veterans on state college and university campus by enhancing Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service Members (OASIS). Given the fact that services vary depending on the campus, this bill ensures that the Board of Regents will upgrade all campus centers to a higher quality standard, so that all student veterans have equal access and opportunity. To find out more about this program, contact your state college or university.

WOMEN VETERANS' PROGRAM

I was proud to co-sponsor the establishment of the CT Women Veterans' Program, which helps recognize the unique sacrifice of women veterans. As a result of this legislation, the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs will now conduct benefits and services outreach for female veterans. For more information on this new program, contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs at 866-928-8387.



TAX CREDITS FOR VETERANS IN AGRICULTURE

I was proud to support legislation establishing the Veterans to Agriculture program, which will provide tax credits to veterans working in agricultural production. For more information, or to see if you are eligible, contact the Department of Revenue Services at 860-297-5962.

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SERVICES FOR VETERANS

City of West Haven

203-937-3500

New Haven Vet Center

203-795-0148

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

VA Forms Online

www.va.gov/vaforms

CT Dept. of Veterans Affairs

www.ct.gov/ctva