

# NEW LAWS FOR VETERANS 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

I wanted to make sure you have this information on the recent actions the legislature took on behalf of Connecticut veterans. I hope you find this information helpful.

A more detailed summary of the 2015 session will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Please contact me at any time to share any issues or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,



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## LOWER TAXES FOR CONNECTICUT VETERANS

The legislature approved a tax cut for military veterans which provides a 100 percent exemption from the state income tax for federally taxable military retirement pay. Prior state law used to allow a 50 percent exemption to retired members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Army and Air National Guard. This change to make more retirement and pension benefits tax-exempt will help make our state a more attractive place to retire. I am proud to support the people who have dedicated so much to serving our country.

## WOMEN VETERANS' PROGRAMS

The legislature unanimously approved the creation of the Connecticut Women Veterans' Program, which will require the state Department of Veterans' Affairs to reach out to women veterans to raise awareness of federal and state veterans' benefits and services. The bill also calls for an assessment of their needs for benefits and services, as well as a review of the existing programs available in our state.

## SUPPORTING VETERANS ON CAMPUS

The legislature passed and the governor has signed a law that examines ways to make Connecticut's OASIS (Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service Members) centers for veterans more effective. There are about 6,000 veterans enrolled in Connecticut colleges and universities. Veterans use the OASIS centers to meet, study, relax, talk and access information on federal veterans' benefits, the GI Bill, tuition waivers, disability benefits and more.