

VETERANS UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

As a veteran of the Navy in the 1970s, I take special care that all my comrades-in-arms, from the greatest generation who served in the World War to the current brave servicemen and women in the Middle East, are both honored and helped. I'm moved and full of pride when joining in ceremonies of remembrance such as those on Veterans' Day. But I also work to ensure that our soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coast guard - all who have served - are assisted. This special newsletter provides contact information for veterans who need and want help, and reports on some new laws for veterans.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you need help, information, or wish to share a concern on state issues.

Best regards,



Bob at the new Connecticut State Veterans Memorial

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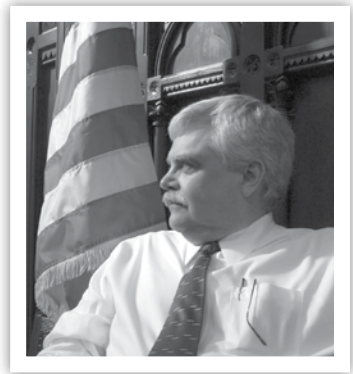
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SUPPORTING OUR STATE VETERANS

TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY

This year, we cut 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. *(PA 15-244)*

INCREASING SERVICES TO VETERANS ON CAMPUS

Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service Members (OASIS) helps over 6,000 student veterans at our state colleges and universities. OASIS centers are where these veterans can meet with each other and get information on all veterans benefits. We told the Board of Regents to upgrade these centers to the same high standards across all campuses. *(SA 15-1)*

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*CT Veterans Commissioner Sean Connelly,
Bob and a local wartime veteran*

WOMEN VETERANS' PROGRAM

The CT Department of Veterans' Affairs will now conduct benefits and services outreach for female veterans, and offer recommendations on what type of service initiatives would be best to honor these brave women. *(PA 15-8)*

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Danbury Vet Center

203-790-4000

Danbury Veterans Advisory Center

203-797-4620

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