

VETERANS UPDATE

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

According to Patrick Henry, one of our nation's founding fathers: "The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." These are the signature characteristics of America's veterans. I am honored to stand up for these incredible men and women at the State Capitol.

To pay tribute to Simsbury's beloved veterans, I am co-hosting a Connecticut Wartime Service Medal Ceremony with the Simsbury VFW Metacomet Post 1926 and Simsbury American Legion Tomalonis-Hall Post 84 on Wednesday, August 3rd at Eno Memorial Hall.

If you or a veteran in your family have ninety (90) days of wartime service, you may qualify for a Connecticut Wartime Service Medal.

Please contact my office at 860-240-8568 and we will mail you an application and provide you details on the ceremony.

I look forward to honoring our treasured veterans and meeting their proud families and friends.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance in addressing any veterans issues.

Thank you!



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SUPPORTING OUR STATE VETERANS

TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY

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.

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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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*Rep. Hampton with leaders of the
American Legion & VFW.*

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.

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SERVICES FOR VETERANS:

Simsbury Veterans Services Contact

Sean Kimball, 860-658-3230

Simsbury American Legion Tomalonis-Hall Post 84

Commander Bruce Elliott, 860-658-0863

Simsbury VFW Metacomet Post 1926

Commander John Romano, 860-651-9202

Veterans Benefits Infoline

866-928-8387

US Veterans' Affairs

800-827-1000

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