

## VETERANS' RESOURCES

Dear friends and neighbors,

The legislature is committed to veterans. We are inspired by the service and sacrifice of servicemen and servicewomen. That is why veterans' issues are a top priority each legislative session.

I hope you find this information about veterans' resources and the results of some of the legislation we have passed helpful. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

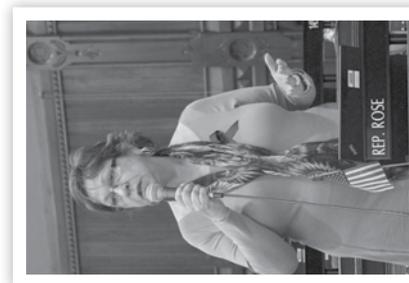
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## THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs has numerous programs and services available for veterans as well as links to various veterans' websites, benefit information, job and career services, the State Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill and community activities specific to veterans. To learn more, please visit their website at [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva) or call (860)-616-3600.

## OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE

The Office of Advocacy and Assistance helps veterans, as well as their eligible dependents, to obtain benefits available under federal, state and local laws. (866) 928-8387. <http://1.usa.gov/1Bqmg5m>

## SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND

The Connecticut Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund provides financial assistance to wartime veterans and their families related to rental/mortgage, utilities, funeral and medical including auditory, vision and durable equipment. Restrictions apply - to initiate an application for assistance you must contact a local American Legion Post and ask for a designated fund representative or Veterans Aid Investigator in the community in which you reside. (844) 454-8900. [www.alctssmf.org/eligibility](http://www.alctssmf.org/eligibility)

## COMMUNITY CHOICES

Community Choices is an information hub that provides a range of information from long-term care, to detailed help concerning community services, policies and procedures, and assistance with completing benefits applications. (800) 994-9422. [www.ct.gov/communitychoices](http://www.ct.gov/communitychoices)

## THE CT MILITARY SUPPORT PROGRAM (MSP)

This 24/7 hotline connects callers with mental health services and programs sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. (866) 251-2913. <http://1.usa.gov/1OyOzZo>



## STATE BENEFITS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

A \$1,500 reduction of a property's assessed value for tax purposes (real estate or automobile) is available for veterans who have 90 days of wartime service, including Merchant Marines who served during WWII. Veterans, and surviving spouses, below a certain income level and/or disabled may be eligible for additional property tax exemptions. Contact your municipality's tax assessor's office for specific details.

## TUITION WAIVERS

Veterans may attend Connecticut public colleges, universities and the 12 community technical- colleges tuition free. To be eligible for tuition benefits, a veteran must be honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, have 90 days active military duty during war, must have resided in Connecticut for at least one year upon enrolling and admitted to a degree program. For more information, contact the Veterans' Services or Financial Aid/Bursar's Office of the school you are interested in attending.

- University of Connecticut:  
[www.veterans.uconn.edu](http://www.veterans.uconn.edu)



- Connecticut State University System:  
[www.ct.edu/students/veterans](http://www.ct.edu/students/veterans)



- Connecticut Community Colleges:  
[www.ct.edu](http://www.ct.edu)

