Veterans Update

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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

I hope you find this information about veteran resources and the results 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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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, by giving a 100% CT state income tax exemption for military retirement pay. This 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 places where these veterans can meet with each other and get information on all veterans benefits. We told the Board of Regents to upgrade and standardize these centers across all campuses. *(SA 15-1)*

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)*

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American Legion
860-436-9986

Veterans Benefits Infoline
866-928-8387

US Veterans' Affairs
800-827-1000

VA Medical Hospital
860-666-6951

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