

VETERANS UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your remarkable service to our country.

In order to ensure that your sacrifices are recognized, we worked hard this session on a number of initiatives to help support veterans in Connecticut, including **increased property tax exemptions for certain disabled service members**. This special newsletter provides an update on recent and current policy initiatives and proposals made at the state level to better support you and honor your sacrifices. It also contains resources and contact information for veterans services.

If you have a question or concerns, or if I can support you in any way, please feel free to call me at 860-240-8769 or email me at Kara.Rochelle@cga.ct.gov.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Best regards,



Kara Rochelle

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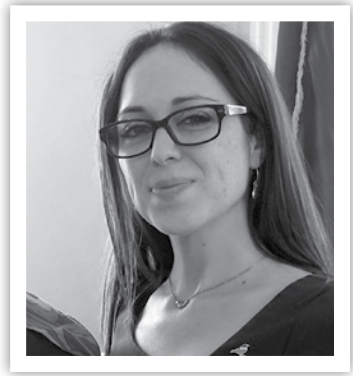
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SUPPORTING OUR STATE VETERANS WARTIME BENEFITS

SB 861 extends certain state war service benefits, like property tax exemptions and tuition waivers, to veterans who served less than 90 days in a period of war because they incurred or aggravated an injury in the line of duty. It also removes the state's two-year residency requirement to be eligible for certain state benefits, like hospital care and funeral expenses for veterans who did not reside in Connecticut at the time of their enlistment or induction into the armed forces.

MILITARY SPOUSES

HB 7248 allows for spouses and children of certain members of the armed forces to be deemed in-state students for the purposes of tuition charges at UConn, the Connecticut State Universities, community colleges, and Charter Oak State College. If the parent is transferred out of state, children maintain in-state student classification if they had already started college.

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ENCOURAGING VETERAN EDUCATORS

I co-sponsored SB 951 which reserves 10% of available seats for veterans in certain alternate route to certification programs, a program through which individuals from an alternate profession can attain their initial educator certificate, to help veterans become certified educators.

MILITARY TO MACHINISTS PROGRAM

I was a proud co-sponsor of SB 968 which establishes a program to provide assistance to veterans hoping to earn an advanced manufacturing certificate from public institutions of higher learning. The program will also help graduates of such certificate programs secure employment in the field of advanced manufacturing, strengthening CT's manufacturing industry while simultaneously providing veterans with a career path that utilizes the skills they acquired while in service.

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Veterans Benefits Infoline
866-928-8387

Derby Veteran's Community Center
203-735-4222

New Haven Vet Center
860-887-1755

No Vet Left Behind Food Assistance
203-732-7800

CT Department of Veterans Affairs
www.ct.gov/ctva

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

American Legion Local 24 - Derby
203-735-3840

American Legion Local 50 - Ansonia
203-734-1851

Catholic War Veterans - Derby
203-734-9748