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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your service to our country. During this past session, we worked on legislation that will recognize the contributions of veterans to our state and expand access to certain benefits. I remain committed to fighting for Connecticut's veterans. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8769 or email me at Kara.Rochelle@cga.ct.gov.

Thank you again for your service to our country.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Rochelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Representative Rochelle proudly supported all of the following bills:

MILITARY AND VETERANS TRAIL

HB 5737 creates a state-wide military and veterans trail connecting monuments across Connecticut. This trail will help to easily recognize each landmark and the story it tells about the pivotal role veterans have played in our state. Connecticut would be the first state to create a veterans trail. This trail will attract history buffs, soldiers and tourists from Connecticut and across the nation hoping to learn more about Connecticut’s veterans and military history.

VETERANS’ BENEFITS

HB 5592 expands the definition of veteran to ensure LGBTQ+ veterans who were discharged solely due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression receive the benefits they are entitled to. Our country’s LGBTQ+ veterans have made great sacrifices defending and protecting our nation, and they deserve to be fairly compensated for their service to our country.



PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

HB 6483 removes a hurdle for military families in Connecticut by allowing military orders to be accepted as proof of residency for public school enrollment, and adopts “the Purple Star School Program,” to ensure military-friendly schools.

HONORING DECEASED VETERANS

HB 6480 ensures that regardless of a veteran’s financial status, they are honored with dignity by ensuring state funding, if needed, toward funeral costs.

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

- Veterans Benefits Infoline.....866-928-8387
- Derby Veteran’s Community Center.....203-735-4222
- New Haven Vet Center203-795-0148
- No Vet Left Behind Food Assistance203-732-7800
- CT Department of Veterans Affairswww.ct.gov/ctva
- US Veterans’ Affairs.....800-827-1000
- West Haven VA Hospital.....203-932-5711
- CT Veterans’ Workforce Development860-263-6514
- CT Military Support Program.....866-251-2913
- Veterans’ Crisis Line.....800-273-8255
- Army Reserve Family Programs.....www.usar.army.mil/ARFP
- VA Forms Onlinewww.va.gov/vaforms
- American Legion Post 24 - Derby ...203-734-7206
- American Legion Post 50 - Ansonia203-398-7845
- Catholic War Veterans - Derby.....203-734-9748
- Homes for the Brave - Bridgeport ..203-338-0669

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