

STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATE FARRAR



Dear West Hartford Veteran,

With 185,000 veterans in our state, I am continually striving to understand the needs of the veterans community. As your State Representative, I am committed to honoring and looking after our veterans. Despite the challenges from the COVID pandemic, this session I was able to work to pass many of the bills our servicemembers requested. In this mailer, I have highlighted my efforts in pushing forth legislation that advocates for veterans just like yourself. I am open to future ideas of how I may continue to help in any way that I can.

As always, it is my pleasure to represent you. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Have an enjoyable summer!

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2021 VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Here is a sample of some bills we passed this Session:

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

The state of Connecticut has allocated \$700,000 to help veterans secure jobs.

TAX RELIEF FOR VETERANS

We are commissioning a work group to study and make recommendations for tax benefits for military members.

MILITARY AND VETERANS TRAIL

We passed a bill this session to create a state-wide military and veteran trail connecting landmarks across Connecticut. This trail will help to easily recognize each historical site.

PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

We removed a hurdle for veterans in Connecticut by allowing military orders to be accepted as proof of residency for public school enrollment.

HONORING VETERANS AT FUNERALS

We passed legislation to ensure our State does its part to honor servicemembers after they have passed on.

FREE DUPLICATE OR RENEWAL LICENSES AT DVA EVENTS

Renewal and duplicate license fees are now waived at specific events hosted by the DVA.

LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS DESIGNATING PERIODS OF WAR

You will soon be able to order a license plate that has one of the federally designated war names and ribbon on it.

LGBTQ+ VETERANS

LGBTQ+ veterans who were discharged because of their sexual orientation or gender identification will soon receive state benefits they are rightly entitled to.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.va.gov
www.myhealth.va.gov
www.va.gov/coronavirus

TEXT NOTIFICATIONS FOR VETERANS

Sign up at www.va.gov/HEALTH/VEText.asp

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

Veterans' Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255
Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Fund: 1-860-296-0719
VA Call Center: 1-866-808-7921



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