

*Dear Neighbors:*


*We are now entering the final weeks of the 2007 Legislative Session, and I wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of some valuable services that may be of assistance to you.*

*Included in this mailing you will find various pieces of helpful information for veterans and seniors. There is also a list of some important telephone numbers that may be of assistance to you.*

*Thus far, as a legislator, I have learned that there are many programs that state agencies offer to our citizens, and I thought it would be helpful if I passed the information on to you.*

*I hope that the information included within this mailing is of use, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.*

*Sincerely,*



*Andres Ayala, Jr.  
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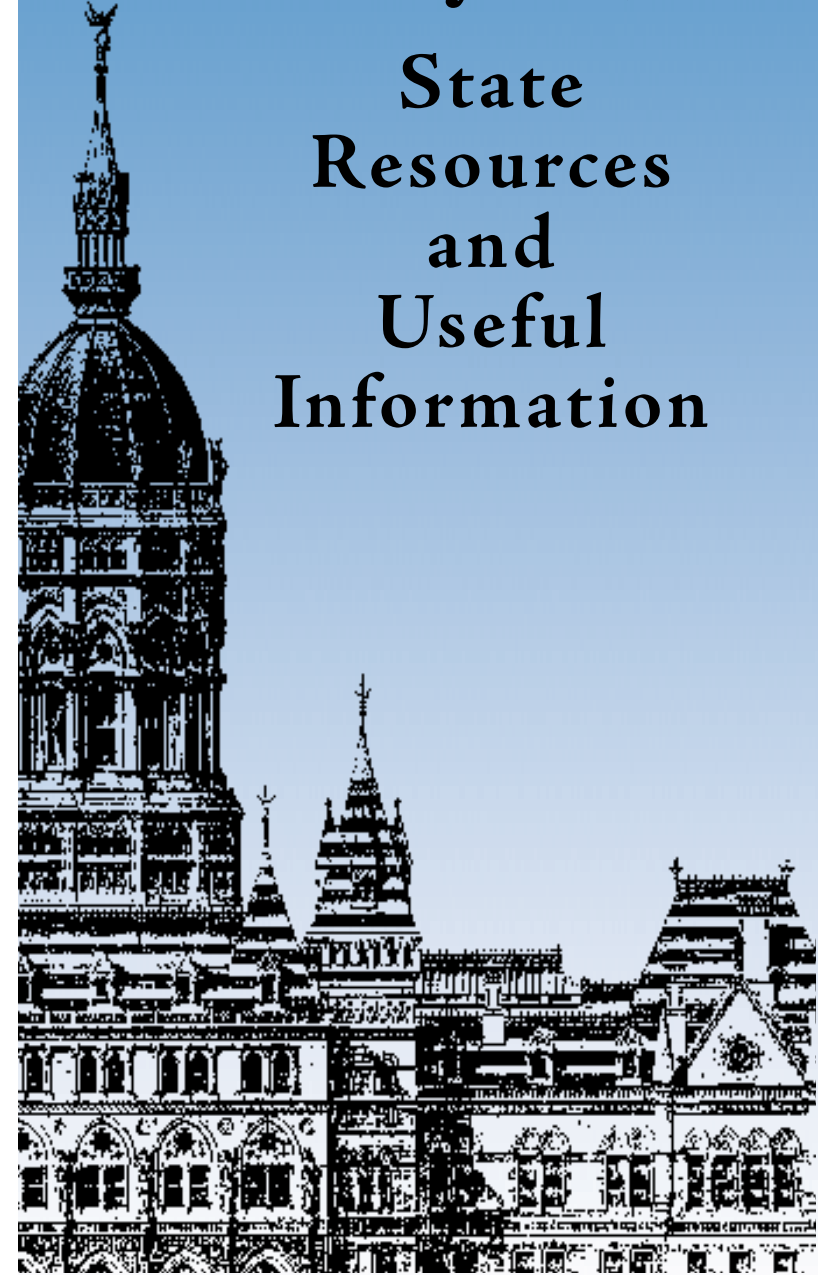
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## State Resources and Useful Information



# Helpful Links and Services

## Medicare Advocacy

The Center for Medicare Advocacy is an organization that helps elderly and disabled residents receive medical assistance through advocacy and legal assistance. The Center for Medicare Advocacy is non-profit and non-partisan. The Center's main concern is for people who are in serious need of immediate health care. The Center is located in Connecticut and is staffed by all types of professionals, such as attorneys, nurses, legal assistants, and information management specialists. To learn more about the Center for Medicare Advocacy you may visit the website at [www.medicareadvocacy.org](http://www.medicareadvocacy.org) or call the national office in Connecticut at (860) 456-7790.



## Home Repair Program for Seniors

The Home Solutions program is a service that provides financial support for house repairs, hazardous material abatement, septic system repair, removal or enlargement and emergency repairs for senior citizens. The funding for this program comes from a state-wide combined loan and grant program. The funds are provided by the State of Connecticut through the Department of Economic and Community Development and are given to both residential owner occupied and rental properties. For more information, call Home Solutions at (860) 347-4465.



## Remembering Veterans

The Veterans History Project has been established at Central Connecticut State University to allow veterans to share their photographs and documents for posterity so that future generations will never forget their sacrifices for America. This program is an online archive of veterans' war journals, maps, and photographs. To join the history project by submitting your own records, or to view those of other veterans, go to [www.ccsu.edu/vhp](http://www.ccsu.edu/vhp). You then click on "search our database" in order to view veterans' photographs and documents. You may then search by name, war, or branch of service. If you would like to submit your own documents online, you can click on the "how to participate" link available on the website home page. You can also join the Veteran's History Project by contacting Eileen Hurst at (860) 832-2976.

## Senior Financial Assistance

There is a new online service that helps seniors apply for financial assistance programs. This website: [www.benefitscheckup.org/link/ncaa](http://www.benefitscheckup.org/link/ncaa) is easy to navigate and can direct you to financial assistance programs that may be new to you. This website covers all aspects of applying for these programs, starting with your free eligibility screening. This helpful service has been provided by AARP Connecticut, the North Central Area Agency on Aging CHOICES Program, and the Elderly Services Division of the State Department of Social Services. For more information, contact CHOICES at (800) 994-9422.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Connecticut Legal Assistance.....	1-800-413-7796
Consumer Protection.....	1-800-842-2649
Unclaimed Property Hotline.....	1-800-833-7318
Tax Department .....	1-800-382-9463
Veterans' Benefits and Information .....	1-800-827-1000
ConnPACE .....	1-800-423-5026
Medicare Hotline.....	1-800-633-4227
CT Partnership for Long-Term Care ....	1-800-547-3443
Elderly Services Division of the Department of Social Services .....	1-800-994-9422
Infoline .....	211
Department of Veterans Affairs.....	1-800-550-0000

## Connecticut War Time Service Medal

You are eligible for a Connecticut wartime service medal if you are a veteran who was a resident of the state when called to active duty, or you are a resident at the time of receipt of the medal. Eligible veterans may request awarding of the Wartime Service Medal by submitting an application form to the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, accompanied by a DD Form 214 or other documentation to prove eligibility. Application forms and additional information are available by calling the Veterans Info Line at (866) 928-8387, visiting the department's website at [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva), or by contacting my office at 800-842-8267.

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Si usted o algún conocido desea recibir esta información en español, llámame al  
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