



Dear Veteran,

Thank you for your remarkable contributions to our community, our state and our country. I want to update you on the unique benefits and services available to you as a veteran. This newsletter includes information on a couple of new state initiatives honoring our veterans as well as numbers to call for assistance navigating the myriad state and federal benefits to which you and your family may be entitled.

While state resources are the main focus of this newsletter, I have also included some federal benefits. For more information on federal benefits, please feel free to contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-827-1000. For questions about state benefits, you can reach the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-550-0000. I hope the enclosed information proves helpful.

It is a privilege to serve as your State Representative. If I can be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jack Thompson
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I look forward to hearing from you!



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VETERANS RESOURCES

STATE VETERANS BENEFITS

Tuition Waivers are available for veterans accepted for undergraduate and graduate coursework at Connecticut State Universities, UConn, and the 12 Community Technical Colleges. National Guard members, dependent children and spouses of veterans who died in action may also qualify. Contact me for a brochure or call the Department of Higher Education at 1-800-842-0229.

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund provides emergency and temporary financial services to needy veterans and their families. **Call:** (860) 886-8557 or **Visit:** www.ct.gov/ssmf/.

Department of Motor Vehicles Fee Exemptions

Active duty personnel and veterans who received an honorable discharge within the previous two years are eligible for a waiver of the motor vehicle license and registration fees. Be sure to fill out the waiver application, Form B-276, available on the DMV website. **Call:** 1-800-842-8222 or **Visit:** www.ct.gov/dmv.

Gold Star Family License Plates are available to the immediate relatives of state residents killed in active military duty. Call the Department of Motor Vehicles at: 1-800-842-8222 or access the application online at www.ct.gov/dmv.



A **Veterans' Registry** is now maintained by the State Department of Veterans Affairs as a means of informing veterans of new benefits and services available to them. Contact me for the registration form so you may add your name to the list.

Connecticut's Wartime Service Medal was established by the General Assembly to honor our veterans for their extraordinary contributions. In order to qualify, a veteran must have performed 90 days of wartime service, be a current Connecticut resident or a resident during his period of wartime service, and have been honorably discharged. Please contact me for an application.

BENEFITS HELP

Veterans Infoline
1-866-928-8387

Office of Advocacy and Assistance •
Manchester - 240-3427 or 1-800-827-1000

Veterans Administration Transition Patient Advocate
Information Number: (860) 721-5817

Connecticut Military Support Program
1-866-251-2913

Regional Veterans Benefits Administration
555 Willard Avenue, Newington
1-800-827-1000

Contact me for a copy of the most recent Acts Affecting Veterans



RECENT LEGISLATION

- Military spouses are now permanently eligible for unemployment compensation when they leave their jobs to relocate for active-duty service. (PA 08-40)
- Connecticut will be joining the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to ease military children's transitions into Connecticut schools. (PA 08-57)

Helpful Information From Your
State Representative
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HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

Counseling Services:

Veteran's Recovery Center.

Information Number (860) 721-5817

CT's Military Support Program..... 1-866-251-2913

Benefits guidance and confidential counseling in preparation for, during and after deployment.

Outpatient Clinic:

John J. McGuirk VA Outpatient Clinic..... (860) 437-3611

4 Shaw's Cove, Suite 101, New London

Veterans Hospitals:

Newington VA Health Care Center..... 860-666-6951

555 Willard Avenue, Newington

West Haven VA Health Care Center 203-932-5711

950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven

Primary Care Clinic Telephone Assistance Program:

Newington: 860-667-6838

West Haven: 203-937-4767 x6

Long Term Care Facility:

Connecticut Veterans Home..... (860) 721-5877

287 West Street, Rocky Hill

New construction!

Departments of Veterans' Affairs
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