
Veterans

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Program Description: Office of Advocacy and Assistance

The CT Department of Veterans' Affairs was established in 1987 with the Office of Advocacy and Assistance as a sub-division of the Department. In July 1988, the Veterans' Home and Hospital, which had been operating independently since 1867, was incorporated as a division within the Department and embarked on a new and challenging mission to provide comprehensive health, social and rehabilitative services to veterans of the State of Connecticut and their dependents.

The Office of Advocacy and Assistance, with offices and Service Officers in each of the six congressional districts, provides advice and assistance to the state's 339,000 veterans and their dependents in obtaining comprehensive rights, benefits and privileges to which they may be entitled under law.

Assistance is provided by accredited Veterans' Affairs Service Officers trained to provide a variety of services for eligible veterans and their dependents. They are certified to represent eligible veterans before the U.S Department of Veterans' Affairs and to act as formal representatives for such veterans needing assistance.

Eligibility Requirements:

To determine eligibility and benefits available, call a Veterans' Affairs office listed on the next page.

 **For More Information Contact:**

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(see next page for service officers, districts and telephone numbers)

SERVICE OFFICERS, DISTRICTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Congressional District 1:

287 West Street, Bldg #7
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Phone: (860) 721-5893, 5894

450 Main Street, Room 104
Hartford, CT 06103
Phone: (860) 240-3427

Congressional District 2:

102 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360
Phone: (860) 887-9162

Congressional District 3:

487B Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516
Phone: (203) 931-0460

Congressional District 4:

10 Middle Street, first floor
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: (203)366-7175

Congressional District 5:

378 Chase Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06704
Phone: (203) 596-4277

Congressional District 6:

1 Grove Street
Suite 101
New Britain, CT 06051
Phone: (860) 225-4920

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Program Description: Veteran's Home and Hospital

The Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Home and Hospital provides comprehensive services for veterans ranging from inpatient hospital care to residential rehabilitation services.

The Department operates a licensed and accredited 350 bed hospital (50 acute and 300 chronic disease beds) which provides a full range of inpatient medical services. Included in the hospital services are a 24 bed Alzheimer's unit, Hospice beds, and a Caregiver Respite program. The hospital also offers comprehensive substance abuse treatment services.

Rehabilitative services are offered in a 400 bed domiciliary facility. The ultimate goal of the rehabilitation program is to return as many individuals as possible to a productive, independent life in the community.

Other services provided by the Department administration of grants are as follows:

- Payment for the installation of veterans' headstones and a State Veterans' Burial Allowance.
- Operation of 3 State Veterans' cemeteries.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for the Home and Hospital a veteran must meet the following requirements:

- Honorably discharged from the military
- A resident of Connecticut at the time of application
- Completed a minimum of 90 days service in time of war unless separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability rated by the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs.

 For More Information Contact:

Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs, Admissions Office
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Toll free: (800) 447-0961 Ext 2279

STATE SOLDIERS', SAILORS' AND MARINES' FUND

Program Description:

The purpose of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund is to provide temporary financial assistance to meet, or help to meet, the health and maintenance needs of eligible applicants (veterans and their dependents who demonstrate a "need"). Funds may be used for food, clothing, medical or hospital care, or funeral expenses.

Eligibility Requirements:

A veteran and his/her dependents must live in Connecticut at the time of application and while receiving aid; the veteran must have been honorably discharged from military service; and the applicant must have served a minimum of 90 days unless discharged for a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans Administration.

For More Information:

Application forms may be obtained either directly from the designated Fund Representative, or from the office of the Town or City Clerk where the local Fund Representative is registered. Contact your local American Legion Post for the name and address of the Fund Representative or contact:

Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines' Fund

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Bridgeport Office

360 Fairfield Avenue, Rm 301
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: ((203) 579-6233

Hartford Office

21 Grand Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 566-2677

New Haven Office

746 Chapel Street
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: (203) 789-7841

Norwich Office

307 Main Street
P.O. Box 987
Norwich, CT 06360
Phone: (860) 886-8557

Waterbury Office

182 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Phone: (203) 596-4214