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## **Burial Benefits**

The State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown is the largest state-operated Veterans cemetery in Connecticut. It is under the administrative control of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs and its Commissioner. Burial in the State Veterans Cemetery is reserved for eligible veterans and their spouses. Grave markers are also provided.

**Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs**  
Cemetery and Memorial Services  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Phone: [\(860\) 616-3688](tel:860-616-3688)  
Fax: (860) 616-3561

## **Windsor Veteran Cemetery**

### **WHO MAY BE INTERRED**

**(A)** Any person who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Corps, Marine Corps, or the Coast

Guard of the United States during any of the wars or campaigns in which the United States participated. Dates are established by the federal government.

**(B)** Or who, being a citizen of the United States, served on active duty in the Military, Naval or Air Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during the World Wars.

**(C)** Or the spouse of the veterans referred to in the above sections (A) and (B), provided the veteran gives assurance that he will eventually be buried in the adjacent grave.

The standard upright headstones furnished by the federal government will be used exclusively for the veterans. The headstones for the spouse will be flush with the ground and provided at the families expense. For further information, please contact Carmen's Funeral Home at [860-688-2200](tel:860-688-2200).

## **Community Groups**

### **Veteran Coffee Hour**

On the last Thursday of every month, we welcome group leader Wayne Rioux for coffee with fellow area veterans! Enjoy coffee, conversation and a monthly “hot topic”. This event is not exclusive to seniors. All Veterans are welcome! It takes place on the last Thursday of each month from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at L.P. Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT.

## **Educational Resources**

### **Tuition Waivers**

Veterans may attend Connecticut Public Colleges and Universities tuition free. Connecticut statutes provide that tuition may be waived for qualified veterans attending the University of Connecticut, Connecticut State Universities and the 12 Community-Technical Colleges. Waivers cover only the cost of tuition for credit-bearing undergraduate and graduate programs. Other charges, such as for books, student activity and course fees, parking, and room and board, are not waived. To

qualify for a waiver at the University of Connecticut and Connecticut State Universities, veterans generally must be matriculated, that is, admitted to a degree program. The Community-Technical Colleges are more flexible. Remember to take a copy of your separation papers with you when applying for admission and registering for courses.

### **Tuition Coverage**

Tuition waivers for veterans cover 100% of tuition for General Fund courses at all public colleges and universities and 50% for Extension Fund and summer courses at Connecticut State Universities. For more information it is highly recommended you contact the Veterans Services or Financial Aid/Bursar’s Office of the school you are interested in attending:

**[University of Connecticut](#)**

**[Connecticut State University System \(Eastern, Central, Western, Southern\)](#)**

**[List of Connecticut Community Colleges](#)**

## **Employment Resources**

### **Department of Labor - Veteran Employment Training Unit**

Organization that handles more formal reemployment complaints of veterans, reservists and National Guard members.

Contact VETS at [860-263-6490](tel:860-263-6490).

### **CT Department of Labor Office for Veterans Workforce Development**

Employment assistance, veteran's preference, training, job fairs, career coaching, resume preparation and unemployment insurance. Contact [860-263-6000](tel:860-263-6000) or [ctdol.state.ct.us/veterans](http://ctdol.state.ct.us/veterans)

## **Financial Resources**

### **Motor Vehicles**

State law provides for free motor vehicle registration and special plates for former prisoners of war and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Veterans who were state residents at the time of induction and who apply within two years of receiving an honorable discharge are exempt from paying for an operator's license and examination fees for one licensing period (CGS § 14-50 ).

State law also provides that fees may be waived for the following registration items, subject to a formal determination by the Department of Motor Vehicles: Special license plates for disabled veterans, and Special-fee license plates for certain disabilities (loss of use of or loss of limb, or blindness) for handicapped and overtime parking.

### **Tax Relief**

Veterans, disabled veterans, surviving spouses and low-income veterans may be eligible for property tax breaks. Contact the Windsor's Assessor's Office at [860-285-1819](tel:860-285-1819) or visit their website at [townofwindsorct.com/assessor](http://townofwindsorct.com/assessor)

### **Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund**

Financial assistance for health and maintenance needs of eligible veterans with an honorable discharge, and their spouses (or widows) and their minor children (ages 0 through 17). The spouse or child must be living with the veteran or living with the veteran at the time of his/her death. Funds can be used for food, clothing, shelter, fuel, utilities, and burial

expenses (For hospital care and other medical expenses, veterans should first contact the United States Veterans Administration (VA) to determine if they are eligible for any VA benefits). The Fund is limited by its earnings, so it may not be able to completely meet the veteran's need. Benefits are administered by and governed under the American Legion Department of Connecticut. Sailors' and Marines' Fund web site at [ct.gov/ssmf](http://ct.gov/ssmf)

To find a volunteer by town to complete your application please click [Volunteers By Town – The American Legion Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund](#) ([alctssmf.org](http://alctssmf.org))

## **Mental Health Resources**

### **Veteran Crisis Hotline**

The Veterans Crisis Line is 24/7 free and confidential. When you call, chat, or text, a qualified responder will listen and help. You decide how much information to share. Support doesn't end with your conversation. Responders can connect you with the resources you need.

**When to Call:** Veterans and service members in crisis aren't alone. If you're thinking about hurting yourself, having thoughts of suicide, or becoming self-destructive, we're ready to help.

Contact us immediately if you or the Veteran or service member in your life is showing signs of crisis, such as: Talking about feeling hopeless, Experiencing anxiety or agitation, Increasing risky behaviors or substance use.

Talk to someone by Dialing 988 then press 1. Chat with someone by texting 838255.

### **The Hartford Vet Center Counseling**

Welcoming home with honor war veterans and their families. The Hartford Vet Center is one of the country's premiere Vet Centers. They now have a Community Access Point (CAP) at the Windsor LP Wilson Community Center. The purpose of the Windsor CAP is to offer free 1:1 readjustment counseling for all veterans who proudly served our nation in combat zones. The experienced staff of caring professional is anxious to help, but can't help

unless they hear from you. All information disclosed in counseling is held in the strictest confidence. Please don't wait any longer! Call today! [860-563-8800](tel:860-563-8800).

## **Veteran Mobile App**

The CTVeterans Mobile App connects Veterans, current service members and their families to a directory of services the state provides for Veterans, as well as access to the Veterans Crisis hotline and information on how to support veterans. The Mobile App can be downloaded free of charge from the iTunes Store and Google Play Store by searching the keyword, "CTVeterans".

## **VA Medical Resources**

You can find out if you are eligible for VA medical benefits and apply online by visiting [How To Apply For VA Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#). You can call the VA's toll-free hotline at [877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387), Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET to get help with your application. You can also apply in person at the information desk at the VA Medical Center in Newington at 555 Willard Avenue (phone number is [860-666-6951](tel:860-666-6951)).

## **Aid & Attendance Pension**

The Aid & Attendance Pension is the highest level awarded to a veteran or surviving spouse who requires assistance with their daily living such as dressing, bathing, cooking, eating etc. Any War-Time Veteran with 90 days of active duty, 1 day beginning or ending during a period of War, is eligible to apply for the Aid & Attendance Improved Pension. A surviving spouse (marriage must have ended due to death of veteran) of a War-Time Veteran may also apply. The individual applying must qualify both medically and financially. [va.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound/](https://va.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound/)

## **Connecticut Veteran's Directed Care Program (VDC)**

The Veteran's Direct Care (VDC) Program is a consumer directed home and community-based services program designed to keep veterans in their communities. Veterans served through this program have the opportunity to self-direct their own care and receive services in their home from the caregiver of their choice. The VDC program is considered an innovative VA service option that

has the potential to be integrated into the permanent menu of federal VA service offerings nationwide.

For more detailed on qualifications and how to apply, please visit:

[portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-Pages/Programs/Connecticut-Veterans-Directed-Home--Community-Based-Services-Program](https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-Pages/Programs/Connecticut-Veterans-Directed-Home--Community-Based-Services-Program)

## **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)**

If you are a service member, retiree, or dependent, DEERS registration is the key to getting your TRICARE benefits eligibility established. DEERS is a computerized database of military sponsors, families and others worldwide who are entitled under the law to TRICARE benefits. Active-duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, but they must take action to register their family members and ensure they're correctly entered into the database. Mistakes in the DEERS database

can cause problems with TRICARE claims, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information. For additional information contact your local uniformed services personnel office at [860-292-2368](tel:860-292-2368) or visit [tricare.osd.mil/deers](https://tricare.osd.mil/deers) to update your information online.

## **Disabled American Veteran**

Provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government. Can help with transportation assistance. Contact VA Regional Office at [860-594-6612](tel:860-594-6612) or [www.dav.org](https://www.dav.org)

## **Surviving Spouses/Dependent Benefits**

Contact the Veterans' Service Officer at the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Connecticut Department of  
Veterans Affairs  
Office of Advocacy and  
Assistance**  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

Advocacy and Assistance  
Manager: John S. Carragher  
Phone: [\*\*\(860\) 616-3683\*\*](tel:8606163683)

## **Veterans Service and Advocacy Representative**

If you need assistance or have any questions about applying for your benefits, a Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer is available. Contact the State of Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs, Congressional District #1 at [\*\*860-594-6604\*\*](tel:8605946604) or [\*\*ct.gov/ctva\*\*](http://ct.gov/ctva)

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