

BERLIN VETERANS SERVICES CONTACT PERSON

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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Veterans Service Contact Person is responsible to coordinate and assist Veterans and their dependents with the following services:

Reemployment

Rehabilitation

Education

Coordinate vocational Training Services

Coordinate with Local, State and National Government and Private Agencies to secure benefits to which a veteran or their dependent is entitled to

To help and assist with adjustment to Peace Time Living

240,000 VETERANS IN CONNECTICUT

CT VETERANS ARE:

**10 % OF THE POPULATION
45 % ARE OVER AGE 65
17 % ARE 55-59 YEARS OF AGE
8 % WOMEN
17 % USE VA CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE
10 % HAVE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES**

**Over 20,500 Connecticut citizens have been
deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan**

QUESTIONS

**Call Vets INFO LINE AT 1-866-9CT-VETS or www.ct.gov/ctva □
Connecticut Veterans Website www.veterans.ct.gov □ □
Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs www.ct.gov/ctva □ □**

**Veterans Service Officer Norwich 860-887-9162 □
Veterans Service Officer Newington 860-594-6604 □**

Veterans Service Officer Milford 203-874-6711 ☐
Veterans Service Officer Bridgeport 203-336-2570 ☐
Veterans Service Officer Waterbury 203-805-6340

Veterans Administration www.va.gov

[History of the Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

CONNECTICUT LINKS TO VETERANS SERVICES

CT Vet Center
Readjustment Counseling for Veterans & Families
860-563-8800 www.vetcenter.va.gov

US Small Business Administration/Patriot Express
Offers small business loans to members of the US military community
860-240-4894 www.sba.gov

Connecticut Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services
Provides support services for mental health issues.
800-662-4357 Click on [CTDMHAS](#)

Focus on Recovery Helpline
Provides support services for mental health issues
800-374-2800

CHFA Veteran Mortgage Refinance Program
A program implemented by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to help veterans with mortgage-related issues.
860-721-9501 Click on [CHFA](#)

The Financial Resource Center
Free and confidential financial coaching program to help out get control of your finances
203-297-6674

CT Dept of Social Services/Veterans Programs
860-424-5024

CT Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund
Provides emergency temporary assistance with rent, utilities and certain medical costs as well as other assistance.
800-491-4941 Click on [SSMF](#)

Veterans History Project

They collect and archive the personal recollections of US wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories.

www.loc.gov/vets

Connecticut Military Support Program

This organization connects veterans to mental healthcare professionals.

Most calls are returned within 48 hours.

866-251-2913

US Department of Veterans Affairs Make the Connection □ Helps veterans recognize they are not alone, there are people out there like them who are going through similar experiences, overcoming challenges, reaching positive outcomes for treatment and recovery, and finding paths to fulfilling lives. □ www.Maketheconnection.net

LINKS TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR CONNECTICUT VETERANS

Connecticut Legal Services They provide legal representation to low-income persons throughout the state except Greater Hartford or New Haven. 860-344-0047 www.connlegalservices.org

Greater Hartford Legal Aid

They provide legal representation to low-income persons who live in the Greater Hartford area. 860-344-0447 www.ghla.org

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

They provide legal representation to low-income persons who live in the Greater New haven and lower Naugatuck Valley areas

203-946-4811 www.nhlegal.org

Legal Assistance Resource Center

They coordinate publications, policy advocacy and staff training for the legal service programs. 860-278-5688 www.larcc.org

Consumer Law Project for Elders

Provides free legal assistance to people age 60 and over.

1-800-296-1467 www.ctlawhelp.org CT Trial Lawyers / VA Appeal

Specialists Non-profit organization of trial lawyers 860-522-4345 www.cttriallawyers.org/

AIDS Legal Network

Services provide legal information, advice, referrals, case management, and representation for people living with HIV/AIDS. 860-541-

5027 www.ghla.org/aln/

Connecticut Legal Rights Projects Provides legal representation to low income adults with psychiatric disabilities, primarily legal problems related to their treatment and civil rights.

860-262-5030 www.clrp.org

Connecticut Fair Housing Center

Provide legal representation for people calming discrimination in housing matters and foreclosures.

860-247-4400 www.ctfairhousing.org

CT Department of Labor/Veterans Programs

Provides information and resources to aid veterans with employment related issues.

860-263-6514 <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/veterans>

National Coalition for Homelessness

Assist with all issues pertaining to homelessness

800-838-4357

LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN OF VETERANS

Center for Children's Advocacy

Focuses on rights and interests of poor children involved in judicial, welfare, health, mental health, education and juvenile justice systems. 860-570-5327 www.kidscounsel.org

The Children's Law Center of Connecticut Represent children whose families are involved in divorce and custody matters in court. 860-232-9993 www.clcct.org

Lawyers for Children America Provides training and support for volunteer attorneys who represent children in child protection matters in Juvenile Court. 860-273-0441

www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org

VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Woman's Veterans Health Care Provides health care to female veterans.

Veterans Benefits Call Center 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Benefits Administration 1800-827-1000 www.vba.va.gov

Woman Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group
www.publichealth.va.gov/womanshealth

Military Sexual Trauma

For more information, male and female veterans can speak with their existing VA health care provider, contact the MST Coordinator at their nearest VA Medical Center, or contact their local Vet Center
1-800-827-1000 www.va.gov www.vetcenter.va.gov

Mary Susan Hungerford, APRN
Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator
VA Connecticut Healthcare System
203-932-5711 Ext. 3207

VETERANS SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINES

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline National hotline that connects individuals with mental health professionals 1-800-273-8255

24 Hour Crisis Hotline
A domestic Abuse crisis hotline
203-297-6674

Veterans; Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hot line, online chat or text.
1-800-273-8255 www.Veteranscrisisline.net

RESIDENTIAL FACILITY ON HOMELESS AND NEEDY VETERANS

BASIC SERVICES
***FOOD*CLOTHING *MEDICAL CARE**

Veteran Improvement Program

Residential Services

Vocational Counseling and Job Placement*

Recreation Activities*

Case Management Services

***Educational Opportunities**

VA HOMELESS PROGRAMS

Are you or a Veteran You know “At Risk of Homelessness”?

Homeless Outreach & Engagement (Find 'em and Fix 'em)

Transitional Housing (Grant and Per Diem)

Permanent Housing in the Community

HUD-VASH Housing

Veteran Justice Outreach

Call VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

Toll-free hotline 1-877-424-3838 www.va.gov/homeless

Veterans Benefits

Municipal Property Tax Exemptions

Education Benefits, Tuition Waiver

Financial Assistance Soldiers', Sailors', Marines Fund

Temp. Emergency Assistance Fund

Employment Benefits

Veterans Preference Points

State Employee Retirement Benefits

DMV Registration & License Fee Exemption

Honorary H. S. Diplomas for WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans

Burial in State Veterans Cemetery

CT Wartime Service Medal

Housing Preference & Home Loans

CT Veterans Registry

Military Support Program

Flag on Driver's License, Vet's ID

RESIDENTIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Room and Board

Social Work Services

**Substance Abuse Treatment and
Counseling**

**Supportive Housing for Working
Veterans**

Training and Education

Temporary Employment

Interagency Work Experience

Job Placement and Assistance

Recreational Services