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
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.

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
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 Supportive Housing for Working Counseling Veterans
Training and Education
Temporary Employment
Interagency Work Experience
Job Placement and Assistance
Recreational Services