

Municipal Veterans Representative Information

What is a Municipal Veterans' Representative in Connecticut?

Established in 2013, the Connecticut Municipal Veterans' Representative program of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has been updated several times including the addition of annual training and various reporting requirements.

It is the role of the Municipal Veterans Representative to provide support to military veterans seeking information regarding their transition from the military to civilian life which includes, but is not limited to: healthcare and mental health services, social services provided to vets and their families, and career development programs and employment information.

For more details regarding Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 27-135 click on the link below for the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 27-135.

<https://law.justia.com/codes/connecticut/2020/title-27/chapter-506/section-27-135/>

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Mary was honorably discharged from her last duty station at the 98 Medical Hospital in Nuremberg, Germany where she worked as a U.S. Army Medic. Other assignments as a medic included emergency room services at Madigan Army Hospital at Ft. Lewis, WA and newborn nursery care at the military hospital at Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

Mary's connection with the U.S. Army continued for another 17 years until her active duty family retired from military service. Her continued work as a public health nurse at the State and Municipal levels total to 40 years in public service. Mary's life experience provides her with a deep understanding of the challenges presented to both active duty military personnel and their families during and after military service.

It is Mary's intention to provide veterans and their families with information, resources and support that will establish a healthy connection among family and friends as well as community members.