



## **CTDOL, DVA Partner to Provide Services To Veterans at *Stand Down 2017***

September 12, 2017 – Employees from the Labor Department’s Office for Veterans’ Workforce Development will offer employment services to the state’s veterans during Stand Down 2017 being held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 22. Organized by the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the event will be held on the DVA campus, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill.

More than **30** agencies and social service organizations will take part in Stand Down 2017, which will offer access to services that include medical and dental screenings, employment and educational assistance, legal and motor vehicle help, state and federal VA benefits information, and housing referrals. Clothing will also be distributed free of charge. It is advised that veterans arrive by noon to fully utilize many of the services.

"With approximately a quarter million military veterans in our state, in addition to the thousands currently serving our country, we recognize the sacrifices these men and woman have made, and Stand Down offers us the opportunity to assist our vets that may need our help," said Governor Dannel P. Malloy. "They have provided an incredible service in protecting our state and nation, and I encourage any veteran needing assistance with housing, healthcare, education, or employment to attend Stand Down to learn more about support offered by state and federal agencies, as well as our local communities."

"Stand Down ensures we can get resources to veterans immediately — medical care, assistance with benefits, even job training and education. We are so appreciative of their service and sacrifice, now it’s our turn to serve them," said Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman. "I thank all of the Stand Down staff and volunteers that are serving our veterans."

"Serving those who defended our freedoms has always been a high priority for the Connecticut Department of Labor, and we are always honored to take part in Stand Down," said State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson. "Agency staff, veterans themselves, will provide résumé critiques, assist with job search and employment-related questions, and provide guidance on career services. Our partnership with Veterans Affairs provides excellent opportunities to expand the agency’s outreach efforts to the men and women who have given so much for their country."

"Veterans in Connecticut are fortunate to have the support of so many wonderful federal, state and local organizations providing services and benefits during our signature event, Stand Down. We’re grateful to be continuing our partnership with the Department of Labor and their staff, who assist our amazing veterans with employment services," said State Veterans Affairs Commissioner Sean M. Connolly. "I am proud of all the coordination and effort by our Veterans Affairs Team and their dedication and teamwork with the many groups and organizations that join us on September 22 for the best Stand Down yet! Partnerships and collaboration are critical to achieving service excellence for our 200,000-plus veterans. Veterans Always!"

For veterans needing transportation to Stand Down 2017, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is providing free bus service from locations around the state. Bus stops will be in Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, Danielson/Killingly, Derby, East Hartford, Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Newington, Norwalk, Norwich, Orange, Stamford, Suffield, Terryville/Plymouth, Torrington, Vernon/Rockville, Wallingford, Waterbury, Westport, West Haven and Willimantic.

Veterans can obtain more information on Stand Down 2017 by visiting [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva) or calling 860-616-3802/860-616-3803.

Direct link to the transportation schedule:

[http://www.ct.gov/ctva/lib/ctva/v4/stand\\_down\\_2017/2017\\_transportation\\_schedule\\_\(1\).pdf](http://www.ct.gov/ctva/lib/ctva/v4/stand_down_2017/2017_transportation_schedule_(1).pdf)

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