

## [REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS]



### A Tribute to Our Veterans

Dear Friends,

As we reflect this Veterans Day on the sacrifice our Veterans have made to ensure our freedom and uphold the values of the American dream, I want to focus on how our Commonwealth continues to provide more comprehensive services to Veterans than any other state in the country and provide important information regarding services that are available to senior Veterans.

### State and Federal Benefits Available to Veterans

#### **Chapter 115, General Financial Assistance**

- The Commonwealth provides a needs-based means tested program of financial and medical assistance for indigent Veterans and their dependents. Qualifying Veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel, and medical care based on the number of dependents and level of income. Eligible dependents of deceased Veterans are provided the same benefits as if the Veteran were still living. To apply, contact the Veterans' Service Officer in Maynard or visit [www.mass.gov/veterans](http://www.mass.gov/veterans).

#### **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans**

- Eligibility is determined by disability level, and must be designated as at least 10% disabled in order to qualify for a \$400 property tax credit. Contact the Department of Revenue at (617) 626-2300, [www.mass.gov/dor](http://www.mass.gov/dor), or the Maynard Veterans' Service Officer for more information.

#### **Veteran Survivor Benefits**

- When a Veteran passes away, depending on the amount of time and when they served, their surviving spouse and children, mother or father, brother or sister (in that order) are eligible for the following benefits: WWII and Korean War Veterans, either \$100, \$200, or \$300 depending on length of service. Benefits vary for Vietnam War and later Veterans. Contact the Veterans' Service Officer for more information.

#### **Burial Benefits**

- Any Veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions and was a MA resident at the time of discharge is eligible for burial free of cost at one of the two State Veterans Cemeteries in Agawam and Winchendon. Spouses of Veterans are also eligible for burial at a nominal fee. Visit [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov), or contact the Maynard Veterans' Service Officer for more detailed information.

**For more information on benefits available to Veterans, contact Wayne Stanley, Maynard Veterans Service Officer at 978-897-1361, or [wstanley@townofmaynard.net](mailto:wstanley@townofmaynard.net). The Veteran Services Office is located on the lower level of the Maynard Town Hall, and is available from 6-8pm Tuesdays or by appointment.**

#### **Honor Flight New England**

Honor Flight New England is a non-profit organization created to honor America's Veterans for all of their sacrifices. Through generous donations, Honor Flight New England transports our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials at no cost to the Veteran. Top priority is given to World War II Veterans. For more information, contact Honor Flight New England's founder Joe Byron at 603-518-5368, or contact my office at 617-722-2130.

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#### **Hogan's Office Hours**

I will be holding office hours in Maynard on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street. Bolton Office Hours will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street. Please bring any questions, ideas or concerns you may have. If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2130 to schedule an appointment with me.

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