

REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



Dear Friends,

November is a time to reflect on the sacrifice our Veterans have made to protect our freedom and uphold the values of an ever-unfolding American dream. And on 11/11 - and every day - we should take pride in the fact that our Commonwealth provides a more comprehensive set of benefits and programs to Veterans than any other state in the country. Below I've provided a portal to access available services to Massachusetts Veterans. You can also call or visit your local Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) for more information.

MassVetsAdvisor

MassVetsAdvisor is an easy-to-use online resource created by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that strives to serve the nearly half-million Veterans living in Massachusetts, and their families, as a bridge to the many benefits that they have earned in defense of our nation. By combining state and federal benefits, as well as non-profit resources, into one tailored online search, Veterans and their families now have access to one-stop shopping for all of their needs. Access to financial, education, and housing benefits that once took hours to research are now only one click away. Helpfully, the site lists only the benefits and services the Veteran is qualified for and, where available, an "action plan" to apply for the benefit. Users can save the action plan to share with his or her Veterans' Service Officer.

If you are interested in discovering the range of services available to you or a loved one who served, visit MassVetsAdvisor.org to learn more.

Additional information about state and federal resources are available on the official website of the Department of Veteran's Services, Mass.gov/veterans.

For more information on benefits available to Veterans, contact Wayne Stanley, Maynard Veterans' Service Officer at 978-897-1361, or wstanley@townofmaynard.net. The Veterans' Services Office is located on the lower level of the Maynard Town Hall, and is available Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. 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 and Korean War 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. You can also read more about the organization on their website, honorflightnewengland.org.

Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Tuesday, November 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton.
- **Hudson Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, November 30th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Hudson Public Library, 3 Washington Street, Hudson.

All questions, ideas, or concerns are welcome. If you are unable to attend office hours, call the State House at 617-722-2130 to schedule an appointment. Staff is also available at the District Office on all Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*Closed Holiday Mondays*)

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