

REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



Honoring the Bravery at the Heart of our Communities

Dear Friends,

Nearly one hundred years ago, peace came at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. What began as Armistice Day – a declaration of the end of World War I and the beginning of an era of peace – became Veterans Day, tasked with honoring the bravery of the Veterans of the Great War and those who followed in their footsteps. We know too well that there would be more generations of Veterans, a reminder of the hard-won nature of peace, and the courage from which it's borne.

Every November, it is critically important to me that I take time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our Veterans and participate in our local Veterans Day events. I am moved by how our towns come together to honor this bravery at the heart of our communities. Many of us grew up hearing stories of this bravery and the extraordinary courage of those who seemed so ordinary on the outside – our grandparents, our siblings, our neighbors, and teachers. I want to talk about this bravery, and how it drives my work as a legislator.

I'm proud to be a lawmaker in a state that leads by example in its commitment to doing right by all of those who have sacrificed and served for our country. The Commonwealth provides the most comprehensive services for Veterans and their families in the country; I want to highlight important legislation signed into law during the 190th legislative session that expands and enhances these programs.

This past summer, Governor Baker signed into law a bill I was honored to support: the BRAVE Act, which will strengthen support for job training, increase accessibility to health care, and provide a real estate credit for surviving parents or guardians. It is also marked in its recognition of the bravery of the mothers and wives of Veterans, with the declaration of two Gold Star Days in their honor.

To help connect Veterans and their families to financial, housing, and medical support, among many other programs and opportunities, please reach out to the Veteran Agent for the town of Maynard, Wayne Stanley at (978) 897-1361 -- or contact my office.

This is our responsibility – as government officials, as citizens, as communities – to honor the courage on which our freedoms our built, this Veteran's Day, and every day. Reach out to the Veterans in your life and learn from their stories; there is extraordinary bravery among us.

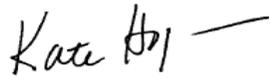
Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

Hudson Office Hours will be held on Thursday, November 29th 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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