



## Veterans Strong Community Center, Inc.

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(VSCC -a 501(C)(3) non-profit -is an  
independent information and  
resource center.)

Hours of Operation:

Mon - Thurs: 8 am - 4 pm;

Friday: 8 am - 2 pm.

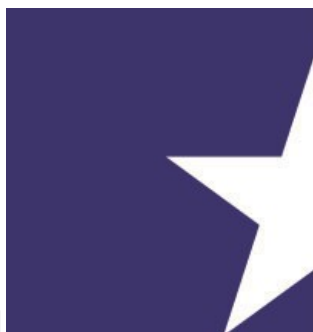
Evening hours available by  
appointment. Please be aware  
hours are subject to change do to  
outreach in other towns.

Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines'

Fund Volunteers

Tues 9 am—12 noon

Thurs 9 am —2 pm



# Veterans Strong

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*Serving Veterans – Past, Present & Future*  
a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

## MARCH 2020

What's the saying—"You learn something new every day?" I learned something new just this week that might be of interest to some. The VA does actually have a dental insurance program. It's called VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP). For qualified Veterans, it offers discounted private dental insurance for the veteran and family members.

To be eligible one of these qualifiers must be true:

- ◇ A Veteran who is currently enrolled in VA healthcare, **or**
- ◇ The current or surviving spouse or dependent child of a Veteran or service member, and you are enrolled in CHAMPVA.

VADIP provides coverage throughout the United States and its territories. VADIP helps the Veteran purchase private dental insurance at a reduced cost. If you are a Veteran that happens to have free VA dental care, enrollment through VADIP does not affect your free VA dental care. The VADIP plans cover many common dental procedures such as preventative dental care, dental surgery, and even emergency dental care. The costs depend on which carrier you choose and which plan. The current carriers are MetLife Dental and Delta Dental, each offering different plans. The VADIP program currently is in effect by law until December 31, 2021. For more information or to enroll go to <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip/>.



National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

UConn Medical Center: 860-679-2000

For Dept of Social Services Clients: 877-437-4577

Hartford Hospital: 860-545-0000

Bristol Hospital: 860-585-3420

Wheeler Clinic: 860-747-3434

St Francis: 860-714-4001

Waterbury Hospital: 203-573-6290

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Vet Center Counselor is not available to conduct outreach at Veterans Strong Community Center. We are looking for an alternative. VSCC remains committed to helping our Veterans with need for mental health resources. If you are in need of resources, please do stop in or call and our staff can review other programs and services available, locally and regionally, private and through the VA.

**Connecticut Vet Centers**

**Hartford Vet Center**

25 Elm St.  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
Tel: (860) 563-8800

**New Haven Vet Center**

291 South Lambert Road  
Orange, CT 06477  
Tel: (203) 795-0148

**Danbury Vet Center**

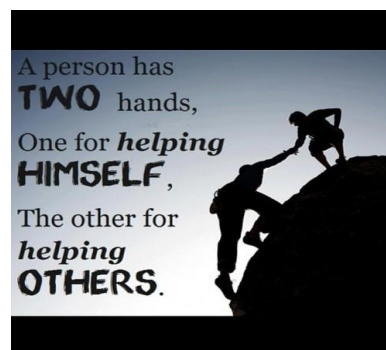
457 N. Main St.  
Danbury, CT 06811  
Tel: (203) 790-4000

**Norwich Vet Center**

#2 Cliff Street  
Norwich CT 06360  
Tel: (860) 887-1755



**Suicide Awareness  
and Prevention**



The Vet Centers RCS info and national listings: **Web Address – [www.va.gov/rcs](http://www.va.gov/rcs)**



## Local Events and VSCC Service Providers for March 2020

<b>Sun, March 1, 2020</b>	Gnazzo's Food Drive hosted by Santander Bank to benefit VSCC
<b>Wed, March 4, 2020</b>	Bristol Veterans Council @ 6:30 pm Bristol City Hall--- 1st Floor Meeting Room
<b>Thur, March 5, 2020</b>	Computer Assistance Available 9 am—12 pm
<b>Tues, March 10, 2020</b>	Plainville Outreach @ 1 - 4 pm - Plainville Town Library
<b>Wed, March 11, 2020</b>	Harwinton Outreach @ 12:30 - 4 pm - Harwinton Public Library
<b>Fri, March 13, 2020</b>	Thomaston Outreach @ 9 am - 12 pm Thomaston Town Hall Plymouth Outreach @ 1 - 4 pm American Legion Post 20
<b>Sat, March 21, 2020</b>	Rock 4 Vets @ Crystal Bee's 6 pm - 12 am
<b>Wed, March 25, 2020</b>	VSO available by appointment only
<b>Tues, March 31, 2020</b>	Taco Tuesday -- Moe's Fundraiser benefiting VSCC
<b>Wed, April 1, 2020</b>	Bristol Veterans Council @ 6:30 PM Bristol City Hall—1st Floor Meeting Room

# Taco Tuesday!



Fundraising Night at Moe's  
Stop & Shop Plaza, Farmington Ave.  
For Veterans Strong Community Center  
Tuesday, March 31st, 5 pm—9 pm

*Please check the Facebook page or event page of the  
website for any updates to the above schedule.  
Additionally, any closures or delays due to weather will  
be listed on WFSB, WVIT, WTNH and Fox-CT.*

## Recruitment Events

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**—10:00 am - 12:00 noon—NCE Homecare - CT DCP @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury—on the spot interviews

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**—10:00 am & 12:00 noon —Northwest Homecare LLC @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury—bring resume.

**Friday, March 6, 2020**—10:00 am - 2:00 pm —Amazon Informational Sessions @ 37 Marne Street, Hamden, CT.

**Monday, March 9, 2020**—9:00 am - 12:00 noon—JACI CARROLL @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury -- Come prepared with resume, paper.

**Friday, March 13, 2020**—10:00 am - 12:00 noon—A Caring Hand @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury.

**Friday, March 20, 2020** — 10:00 am - 12:00 pm—Easter Seals Waterbury @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury.

**Monday, March 23, 2020**—9:00 am - 9:30 am—Task Homecare @ Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury. \*\*Arrive as close to 9:00 as possible\*\*

\*Please check our FB page for updated job listings and recruitment events. Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**JobNow Classes at Bristol Public Library—February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

- **Sign up and basic overview of JobNow and its many job search tools including resume building.**

- **No charge. Please register at the Reference Desk, online at [BristolLib.com](http://BristolLib.com) or by calling 860-584-7787 ext. 4**

**<https://allevents.in/bristol/learn-to-use-jobnow/1000082102343319>**





Veterans Strong  
Community Center

# FOOD DRIVE

Hosted by Santander Bank

Sunday, March 1st, 2020 11AM - 3PM  
Gnazzo's Food Center, 73 East Street, Plainville,  
CT 06062

Donations accepted at  
Santander Bank, 6 Federal Ct, Bristol, CT 06010

For more information contact Lance Pack (860) 316-4182

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American Legion Post 209

## Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, March 7, 2020

8 am – 11 am

@ Gloria Dei Church

355 Camp Street, Bristol, CT

Tickets \$7 (Children 5 and under Free)

Weather Permitting – Call Bob Getz 860-919-0305)

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GIVEAWAY!**



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Sunday, March 8, 2020

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Military Appreciation Night

XL Center, Hartford, CT 06103







**Fundraising Event  
at McDonald's**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 209**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**

**646 Farmington Ave, Bristol, CT**

**15%** of all sales during this time will be  
donated to The American Legion Post 209



## REUBENS & A RAFFLE


American Legion Post 2  
22 Hooker Court  
Bristol, CT

Tickets: \$8  
(\$4 for Veterans)

Join us on Saturday March 14th from  
5pm-8pm, to help raise money for the  
Run to Home Base Foundation, and  
support Veterans who struggle with  
PTSD and TBI.

**\*\*Over \$1000 dollars of raffle  
prizes available\*\***

For tickets contact Owen at:  
860-989-0662









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ROCK 4 VETS 3  
MARCH 21, 2020  
6PM-12AM  
THE CRYSTAL BEES  
240 SPRING ST SOUTHTON CT  
PROCEEDS GOES TO VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITY  
PRE HOF PARTY

COME CELEBRATE JIM BELI AND RYAN NEWMAN  
AS BOTH ARE BEING INDUCTED INTO THE NE MUSIC HALL OF FAME THE FOLLOWING WEEK!  
CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS HISTORIC ACCOMPLISHMENT  
WITH 100+ LOCAL VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE  
TICKETS \$10.00 ADVANCE \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW

AVAILABLE ONLINE @ EVENTGROOVE.COM & DOOR  
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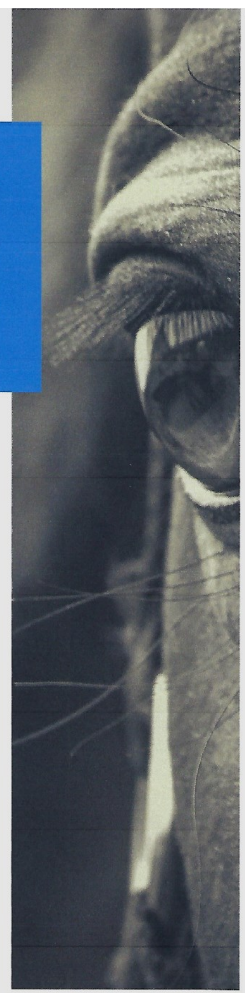
## ITALIAN DINNER TO BENEFIT OPERATION WARRIOR HORSE

Help us make a difference  
in the lives of our Veterans!

Operation Warrior Horse offers  
Veterans the healing effects of the  
horse and human connection  
through an experiential therapy  
program on the farm. It is our belief  
that these groups should be of no  
cost to Veterans. You can help us to  
heal a Warrior just by picking up  
your fork!

MARCH 21ST, 2020 FROM 5-8PM  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2  
22 HOOKER CT, BRISTOL

Tickets can be purchased on our website:  
[www.HealingHoofbeatsofCT.org](http://www.HealingHoofbeatsofCT.org)  
Veterans and Servicemembers receive reduced entry!



If you would like your event included in our monthly newsletter,  
please submit the information to [info@vetstrongcenter@gmail.com](mailto:info@vetstrongcenter@gmail.com)  
by the 20th day of the month. We will make every effort to verify  
information and post in the following month's newsletter.





FUNDRAISING IS ONE OF  
OUR **FRESHEST INGREDIENTS**

## VETERANS STRONG COMMUNITY CENTER

March 31, 5pm-9pm

VALID AT ANY OF THESE PARTICIPATING MOE'S LOCATIONS

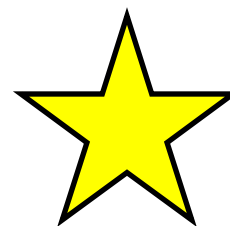
641 Farmington Plaza  
Bristol, CT 06010  
(860) 506-4861

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Sunday, May 3, 2020  
Festival starts at 10am  
Duck Launch at 2pm

More Info:  
CentralCTChambers.org  
(860) 584-4718

**Duck Race Tickets On Sale Here!**  
**\$5.00 each**