



Veterans Strong

Community Center, Inc.

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

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www.vetstronginc.org

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

Hours of Operation:

8 am—2 pm;
available by mobile from until 5
pm. Evening hours available by
appointment. Please be aware
hours are subject to change do to
outreach in other towns.

March 2019 Newsletter

Please join us for our inaugural golf tournament
this summer! Contact VSCC for more information
and sponsorship opportunities!

1st Annual Golf Tournament



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Thursday, July 25, 2019



Chippanee Country Club
6 Marsh Road, Bristol, CT 06010

www.chippanee.com

- *Static Display of Military helicopter*
- *Registration: Begins at 10:30am*
- *Cook Out on Patio: Begins 11:00am*
- *Shotgun Start: 12:30pm*
- *Dinner Reception: Begins at 5:30pm*
- *Golf Prizes and Raffles*



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 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

Support Veterans Strong Community Center

Currently a number of opportunities to show your support for Veterans Strong Community Center. We are also looking for a few good volunteers to help with current and future fundraising events. Contact the Center for more information.



70th Armed Forces Day Luncheon

Friday, May 17, 2019

Aqua Turf Club, Southington, CT

Seating is limited!

More information at http://ct.ng.mil/CT_AFDL/Pages/default.aspx



Patriotic Pin Sale

\$5.00 per pin—your choice of pin

**Indicate: Army, Navy, Air Force,
Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard,
Eagle or Veteran**

**Orders being accepted on a
rolling basis**

**Preferred forms of payment:
cash or check**

**PayPal or credit card payments
will incur a 2% fee.**

Local Events and VSCC Service Providers for March 2019

Thur March 7, 2019	6:30 pm Bristol Veterans Council meeting 1st Floor Meeting Room, Bristol City Hall *This is a change in date for this month only due to Ash Wednesday.
Fri March 8, 2019	Thomaston Outreach—9 am - 12 pm Thomaston Town Hall
Sat March 9, 2019	1:00 pm Award Presentation - Bristol Public Library (Main) Infantry Association Order of St. Maurice to Mr. Tony Sileo
Thu March 14, 2019	VSCC Staff Unavailable —Plainville Outreach Hours 10 am - 1 pm Plainville Public Library Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund Open 9 am - 2 pm
Mon March 18, 2019	Vet Center Counselor 9 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only; appointments made through VSCC
Tues March 19, 2019	VSCC Staff Unavailable - Plymouth Outreach 9 am - 1 pm Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Fund Open 9 am—12 pm only
Wed March 20, 2019	Closed 10:30 am - 1:30 pm for offsite meeting
Fri March 22, 2019	Harwinton Outreach Hours 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mon March 25, 2019	Vet Center Counselor 9 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only; appointments made through VSCC
Wed March 27, 2019	CT Dept of Veterans Affairs VSO 10 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only

Evening appointments available. Please contact the Center for more information. Please turn into CH8 (WTNH), CH3 (WFSB), CH4 (WVIT), or FOX61 for any winter weather closures. Closures will also be posted on the FaceBook page and put on the Center's voicemail announcement.



Recruitment Events

Date	Location	Employer	Time
3/6/19	CT Police Academy, 285 Preston Ave., Meriden	CT State Police	6 – 8 pm
3/6/19	Torrington American Job Center, 59 Field St., Torrington	FuelCell Energy – On the spot interviews	1 – 3 pm
3/7/19	Waterbury American Job Center, 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury	Randstad Staffing	1:30 – 3:00 pm
3/11/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Jaci Carroll	9 am – 12 pm
3/11/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Hispanic Health Council	1 – 3 pm
3/12/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Total Mechanical Systems	10 am – 1 pm
3/13/19	Torrington American Job Center	Hartford Healthcare Independence at Home	10 am – 12 pm
3/14/19	Waterbury American Job Center	The Tempositions Group of Companies	10 am – 2 pm
3/14/19	Veterans Grad School Virtual Fair CareerEco.com/Events/veteransgrad		Virtual Chat hours 11 am – 3 pm
3/18/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Task Home Care	Interviews 9 – 9:30 am; orientation following
3/19/19	Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown 100 East River Dr., East Hartford	Hartford Courant Career Fair	10 am – 1 pm
3/20/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Monroe Staffing	10 am – 2 pm
3/21/19	Waterbury American Job Center	The Tempositions Group of Companies	10 am – 2 pm
3/27/19	Waterbury American Job Center	Beyond Home Care	10 am – 12 pm
3/27/19	Maloney Center for Training & Staff Development, 275 Jarvis St., Cheshire	CT Dept of Corrections (not CO recruitment)	3 – 7 pm

A listing of job openings received from CT DOL are posted weekly in the Center.

Recruitments are posted as they are received both in the Center and on the Facebook page, so please check for any updates. If you are interested in any of the above, you must be a registered user of CTHires to participate in this event. If you are not registered, please visit www.CTHires.com to register as an Individual prior to the events.

Waterbury American Job Center - 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury, CT

Torrington American Job Center - 59 Field Street, Torrington, CT

**If you need additional job search / vocational rehab resources, please contact
the Veterans Strong Community Center.**

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 PLANTVILLE PLAINVILLE PORTLAND SHELTON SINSBURY SOUTHBURY SOUTH WINDSOR SOUTHLINGTON TERRYVILLE THOMASTON TONNINGTON

Bristol Technical Education Center

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 7, 2019

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Snow date Thursday March 21, 2019

ATTENTION

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Tour our campus

Visit our six in-demand career & technical programs

Learn more about Work-Based Learning opportunities



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Welding

Address: 431 Minor Street, Bristol CT 06010

For more information
Website: bristol.cttech.org
Phone: 860-584-8493 x 344

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Sunday, May 5, 2019
Festival starts at 10am
Duck Launch at 2pm

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

Duck Race Tickets On Sale Here!

\$5.00 each

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

GRAND PRIZE

The **Ultimate Companies**, Inc.
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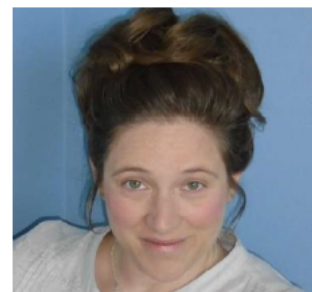
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Serving Those Who Serve: Essential Competencies for the Peer Recovery Support Specialist



Completely FREE and Open to the Public!

A 2 day Training with Veteran Amy B. Otzel, M.A., M.S., LPC

Amy B. Otzel is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Retired U.S. Army CTARNG Behavioral Health Sergeant, Iraq War combat theater Veteran, former Readjustment Counseling Therapist with the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, and past CT State Military Support Program Clinician.

This workshop intends to further inform the Peer & Recovery Support Specialist's Military/Veteran perspective and skills repertoire empowering them to harness their lived experience and strengths in a culturally compatible way.

Following the Military Member's contribution of selfless service and sacrifice to our collective needs for freedom and safety, attention to their health and healing is imperative. As this population increasingly seeks support within community settings, it is the Peer & Recovery Support Specialist's call to action to assure operative responsiveness by way of reducing barriers, promoting accessibility to services, and mobilizing resources.

Receive 10 Educational Hour Credits!

Friday, March 8th (9AM-3PM) & Monday, March 11th (9AM-3PM)

Advocacy Unlimited, 114 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051

RSVP with Jennifer Henry

Phone: 860.505.7581 ext. 201

Email: jhenry@advocacyunlimited.org

For more information contact:

Maggie Taylor

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Email: mtaylor@advocacyunlimited.org





<https://www.facebook.com/TeamCleanWaterWeCare/>

Everyday about 1,400 children die from diseases caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to Benefit *Charity: Water* – Hosted by Team Clean Water
Saturday, March 9, 2019 - (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

This year's Fundraiser Event hosted by TEAM CLEAN WATER is being held at:

ST. GREGORY CCD CENTER

1043 Stafford Ave
Bristol, CT 06010

Many of us have no idea what it's like to be thirsty. We have plenty of water to drink -- even the water in our toilets is clean! Many people around the world don't have that luxury. Everyday about **1,400 children die from diseases caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation**. It doesn't have to be that way. There are simple solutions like drilled well, spring protections, and Bio Sand filters that help provide clean water to communities around the world. Check out our site provided below!

We are having a Pasta Dinner "Fundraiser" to help **Charity: Water** build these types of projects around the world. We're looking for anyone who can help us. We're serving **Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, and Coffee**.

Last year, we raised over \$2,000... There's no feeling in the world that can outweigh how one feels after helping others who are less fortunate. **TEAM CLEAN WATER** teams up again... a lot of good is being done with having fun in the process so, please help us do it again this year and if all goes well, we may exceed last year's donations. Thank you!

Tickets available: Adults: \$10.00 donation, Kids (under 10): \$5.00 donation
We welcome your help in selling tickets. We also need help collecting raffle prizes for our event.

To buy tickets contact Bob Jacques at: (860) 573-0845 - OR - email: YesFamily@comcast.net

Please visit and LIKE our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamCleanWaterWeCare/>
We ask you to please bring your Friends and Family -- additional tickets are available at the door.



Westbrook Elk Lodge 1784

Vets Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 11:30AM



Your Coast Guard In Action

STAYING “MILITARY STRONG” with support for ALL VETERANS
“As long as there is one veteran, we will never forget.”

SCHEDULE*

1100 - 1145 Arrival Through Patriot Guard Riders Flag Line

Music provided by Westbrook High School

1200 Program Begins

Post the Colors, Elks Vets, Boy Scouts and/or Patriot Guard Riders with National Anthem

Invocation, Capt. Jane Vieira, CHC, USN (Ret) & Welcome by Vets Chairman, Lodge Exalted Ruler

1220 Lunch by Chef Paul

1300 Guest speaker on plan & mission for USCG

National Museum In New London

1330 Talk on Masonicare's Veteran to Veteran

Volunteer Program

1345 Wrap up and Final Comments

1400 Music during breaks and during departure

FEATURING

Patriot Guard Riders Flag Line, W/Boy, Girl & Cub Scouts

Musical Accompaniment by Westbrook H. S. Musicians



Come and enjoy our sights, sounds and smell of the seashore at our beautiful beach.

Invited are Honored Guests and their Spouses from: CT Army National Guard, Residents of Rocky Hill, Newington and West Haven Veterans Facilities, Active Duty, USCG Veterans, & VFW & Legion Posts.

Lodge Address: 142 Seaside Ave. Westbrook, CT 06498. *All times are approximate except start time.

Contact psengle@gmail.com or call (860) 552-4540 for reservations or questions.

REUBENS & A RAFFLE

American Legion Post 2
22 Hooker Court
Bristol, CT

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

Join us on Saturday March 23rd,
from 5pm-8pm, to help us raise
money for the Run to Home Base
Foundation, and support Veterans
who struggle with PTS and TBI.

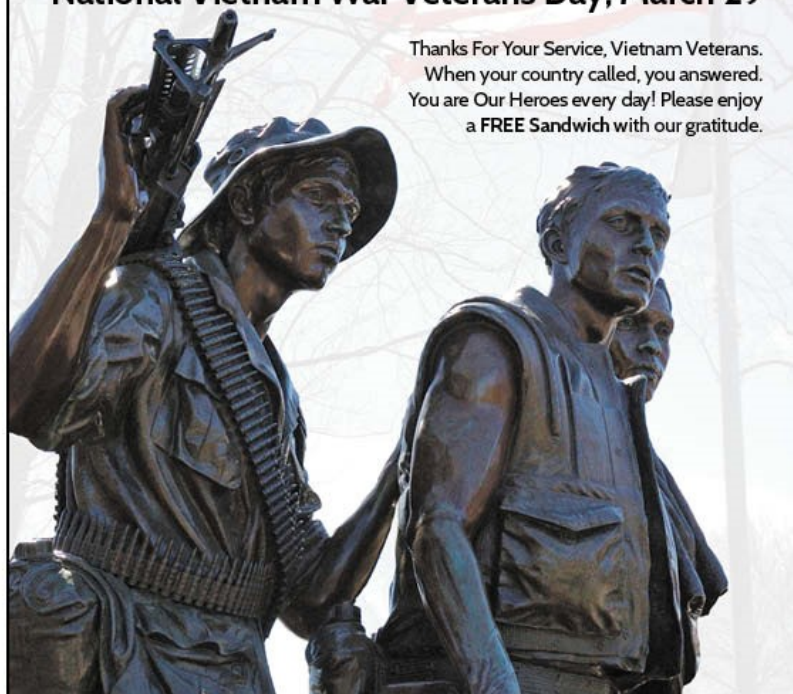
****Over \$1000 dollars of raffle
prizes available****

For tickets contact Owen at:
860-989-0662

FREE CHOW FOR VIETNAM VETS

National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29

Thanks For Your Service, Vietnam Veterans.
When your country called, you answered.
You are Our Heroes every day! Please enjoy
a FREE Sandwich with our gratitude.



Know a Vietnam Veteran? Bring them in for a FREE sandwich
on us. We'd like to say "Thanks" in person!

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