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July 26 is Northeast CT Veterans' Awards Day



More than 200 Veterans from Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock to be Honored with CT Wartime Service Medal

More than 200 veterans from northeastern Connecticut will receive a state veterans medal at a ceremony featuring music and a color guard on Saturday, July 26, to be held at Hyde School located at 150 Route 169 in Woodstock, CT.

The event begins with registration at 10:00 a.m., and the presentation program is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The ceremony, organized by state Rep. Mike Alberts (R-50th District, Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock) will include music and participation by a military color guard and local scouts.

State Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Linda Spoonster Schwartz will preside over the award presentation, and it will include numerous other state and local officials.

The ceremony is one of several being organized throughout the state during the year to present the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal.

Rep. Alberts invited veterans from Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock to apply for and receive the medal at this ceremony.

The Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal

Connecticut has a history of honoring returning veterans from war, dating back to the Civil War when the state struck and issued its first veterans medal.

State veterans medals also were issued to Connecticut citizens who returned from service in the Spanish-American War and World War I. After World War I, the tradition of presenting medals to returning state veterans fell off until it was restored in 2005 through this latest medal.

The new Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal is patterned closely after the medal issued following World War I, including its distinctive three colors – red, white and blue.

The medal contains the official seals of each branch of the U. S. Armed Services and the words “for service.”

State Rep. Mike Alberts serves the 50th Assembly District of Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock in the state House of Representatives.