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Northeast CT Veterans' Awards Ceremony July 26



More than 150 Veterans from Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock to be Honored with CT Wartime Service Medal

More than 150 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 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.

Two-hundred eligible veterans have been invited and approximately 150 will be at the ceremony at Hyde School. If any veterans who were not aware of the ceremony and did not submit applications would like to apply for the medal, they can contact our office at 1-800-842-1423 to request an application. They can complete and submit the application to DVA in Rocky Hill. If they are found to be eligible, the DVA will mail their medal to them within 8-12 weeks.

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.