

## Contact Information

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## VETERANS SUPPORT CENTER

The Veterans Support Center is the first of its kind in the nation. This unique center serves as a central location for area Veterans to access, City, State, and Federal assistance. A wide range of services are available such as transportation to the West Haven V.A Hospital, membership to the food pantry for Bridgeport residents, information about the Veterans housing applications, as well as assistance with City, State, Federal benefits, compensation, pensions and more.



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Hours: Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Address: 752 East Main Street  
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## Veterans Support Center

### Serving The Needs Of Veterans

#### Resources:

City of Bridgeport Department  
of Veterans Affairs

State of Connecticut  
Department of Veterans Affairs

Representative from the U.S  
Department of Veterans Affairs



MAYOR JOSEPH GANIM

## City of Bridgeport Department of Veterans Affairs

### Transportation

The department provides shuttle bus service from Bridgeport to the V.A Hospital in West Haven, with two round trips daily. This program is made possible by a grant by the City of Bridgeport and is available to Veterans who are residents of Bridgeport. The shuttle leaves the Bridgeport office to go to the V.A Hospital at 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### Food Pantry

The food pantry is open to all veterans who reside in Bridgeport. Food is distributed on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To sign up for the pantry it is required to complete the registration paperwork, have veteran documentation (e.g Veteran I.D), and proof of residency (e.g CT ID).

### Educational and Community Based Programs and Events

Our department works closely with many organizations and groups throughout Bridgeport to provide community-based educational programs for veterans. These include informational sessions about housing, job applications, health and wellness, drug and alcohol use, and other topics.

## State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

### Assist Veterans with Claims, Benefits, and Entitlements

The Veterans Service Officers (VSO's) act as advocates for veterans and surviving spouses. VSO's are the liaisons between the veterans and their families to the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes providing assistance to apply for V.A benefits such as disability, compensation, death benefits, service connected and non-service connected pensions.

This unique location is flexible and mobile. As some clients are unable to travel, we do not expect a senior or disabled veterans to travel to us for services. VSO's visit living facilities, nursing homes, and residences to assist veterans with claims.

Collecting and preparing data relating to benefits and services for Veterans. Assisting in the establishment, preparation and presentation of claims pursuant to rights, benefits, or privileges accruing to veterans. Also, assistance in requesting their military records and representing Veterans before the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs concerning claims and benefits.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure the provision and coordination of human services for the City's armed forces veterans. This center serves as a central location for area veterans to access City and State assistance.

## Resources

**ROBERTO SANTOS**  
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*What is readjustment counseling?*  
Readjustment counseling is a wide range of psycho social services offered to eligible Veteran Service members, and their families in the effort to make a successful transition from military to civilian life.

They include:

- Individual and group counseling for Veterans, Service members, and their families.
- Family counseling for military related issues
- Bereavement counseling for families who experience active duty death.
- Military sexual trauma counseling and referral
- Employment assessment & referral
- V.A benefits explanation and referral
- Screening & referral for medical issues including BI, depression, etc.