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Rep. Linehan Works to Ensure Veterans Receive Military Funeral Honors They Deserve

Veterans' groups step up during Military Funerals Office closure

State Rep. Liz Linehan (D-Cheshire/Southington/Wallingford) has organized alternative ways for families to obtain military funeral services free of charge during the shutdown of the state's Military Funerals Office. Governor Malloy recently closed the office, which provides burial services for veterans, through executive order.

Rep. Linehan worked with the office and veterans' organizations to reach out to local veterans' groups across the state and verify which groups provide funeral services and how to contact them. A list of contacts was then created, organized by region, which families can call to request riflemen and buglers for a veteran's funeral. There are 15 contacts, which collectively offer services to every Connecticut municipality.

"I believe every man and woman who defends our country deserves to be laid to rest with military honors when the time comes. Thanks to the many great veterans' organizations throughout Connecticut, we can ensure that no family goes without these services for their loved one," **Rep. Linehan** said. "Our veterans have made great sacrifices for our country, and the least we can do is honor their service by offering them and their families our gratitude."

Rep. Linehan also distributed the information to the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, so that funeral homes throughout Connecticut can assist families in locating services. The contact information for local groups is available on Rep. Linehan's [webpage](#).

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