

**AMERICAN VETERANS  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT**



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ON BEHALF OF  
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STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN, AL DUFF  
**AMERICAN VETERANS**  
BEFORE THE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

WITH RESPECT TO PENDING VETERANS' BENEFITS LEGISLATION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011  
HARTFORD, CT

Senate Chairman Maynard, House Chairman Hennessey, and members of the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following veterans' legislation. The more than 2,500 members of the Department of Connecticut, American Veterans greatly appreciate the voice you give them at these hearings that are critical to their well-being as veterans and citizens of the great State of Connecticut.

Proposed S.B. No. 374 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

While AMVETS supports this legislation, we bear two significant concerns regarding its forward progress in the Legislature:

1. As the signal organization representing all veterans in the great State of Connecticut, we respectfully request AMVETS hold two seats on the Board of Trustees for Veterans Affairs, and

2. We respectfully request appointments to the Board are actively drawn from the most current conflicts for at least 50% of the Board's composition.

Mr. Chairman, I would extend my thanks for being given the honor of representing the veterans of the great State of Connecticut, and providing testimony before this distinguished committee. Furthermore, I thank you for indulging the testimony of our organization, and respecting our fervent dedication to our fellow veterans. I stand ready to answer any questions you may have regarding my testimony. Thank you.