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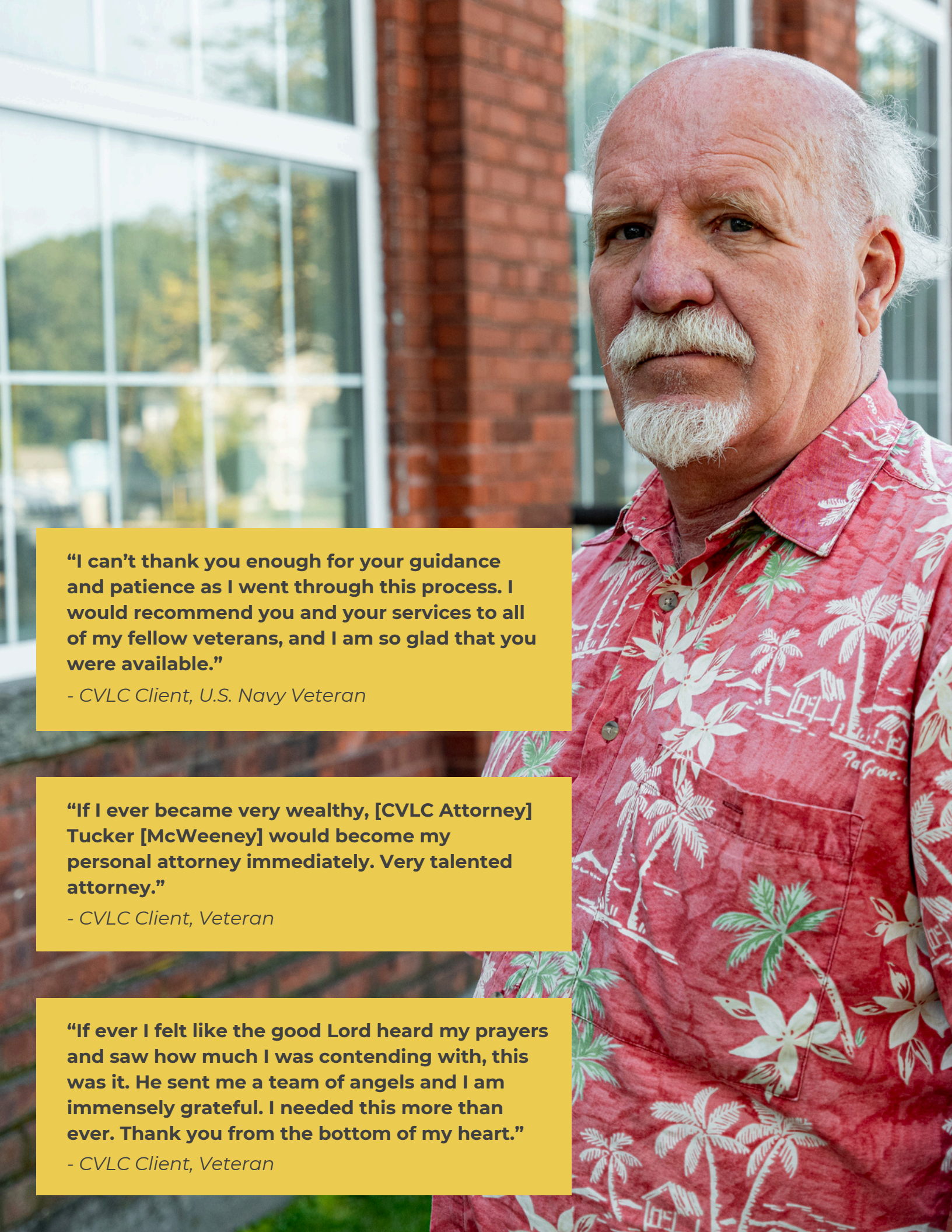
Justice for All Who Served

IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026



“I can’t thank you enough for your guidance and patience as I went through this process. I would recommend you and your services to all of my fellow veterans, and I am so glad that you were available.”

- CVLC Client, U.S. Navy Veteran

“If I ever became very wealthy, [CVLC Attorney] Tucker [McWeeney] would become my personal attorney immediately. Very talented attorney.”

- CVLC Client, Veteran

“If ever I felt like the good Lord heard my prayers and saw how much I was contending with, this was it. He sent me a team of angels and I am immensely grateful. I needed this more than ever. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

- CVLC Client, Veteran



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower, support, and improve the lives of Connecticut Veterans by providing free legal assistance to help them overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, income, and recovery.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all Connecticut Veterans to thrive and contribute to their communities with a sense of self-worth and dignity.

Learn more about our work at **CTVeteransLegal.org**

Photo of Alison Weir by Studio DUDA.

Photo credits: (left) U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Joe. Photo by David Apuzzo. (cover) U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Stephen. Photo by Joel Callaway.

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

I am proud to share the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center 2025-2026 Annual Report, which attempts to summarize the hard work and life-saving impact of our legal services to Veterans across our state.

This year we reached 1,600+ Veterans and secured hundreds of wins. Our attorneys continue to think brilliantly and creatively to ensure our clients have a fair shot. In addition to eviction defense, we have tried to reduce the possibility of eviction upstream through Fair Rent Commission hearings and by utilizing the CHRO to ensure reasonable accommodations are granted when needed. With utility bills on the rise, our work with PURA has become incredibly important. There have been some starts and stops with the VA Benefit appeal process, but our clients know that we will never give up no matter how long a case takes to be reviewed.

We continued to keep our eye on proposed policy changes that would impact our clients, both in Connecticut and federally. I was grateful to spend time with other advocates at the Capitol in Hartford to ensure the unique circumstances of Veterans were kept in mind —not only by the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, but also working with colleagues on issues related to SNAP and tenant rights.

And—of course—federal policy has an outsized impact on Veterans who depend on the VA for benefits and care. **Connecticut Veterans Legal Center continues to stand up for the rights of all who served**, working to bridge gaps as they appear and fighting back when we need to.

This is all made possible thanks to our incredible staff, supportive Board of Directors, and people like you who step up to help whenever you are called. Thank you.



ALISON M. WEIR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LT. COL., U.S. AIR FORCE (RETIRED)

VETERANS ARE EVERYWHERE—AND SO IS THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS LEGAL CENTER.



LGBTQ+ Veterans are struggling as the Department of Veteran Affairs claws back the services and programs designed to meet their unique needs. We are proud that the VA in Connecticut puts Veterans first. Connecticut Veterans Legal Center embraces LGBTQ+ Veterans—we will always have your 6.

Thanks to the support of the **LGBTQ+ Justice and Opportunity Network** and the **Connecticut Bar Foundation**, our attorneys developed a Know Your Rights resource for LGBTQ+ Veterans. You can view and download this free resource by visiting **ctveteranslegal.org/lgbt**.

For almost a decade, **National Veterans Council for Legal Redress (NVCLR)** has welcomed our attorneys to their meetings and made sure that the Veterans in their community—many of whom are Black Vietnam War Veterans who never got their full due—know that we are here to help.



> *"One of my favorite things to do is to be out in the community, reaching Veterans where they are and ensuring no one falls through the cracks."*
>
> - **Alison M. Weir**, *Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force (Retired), CVLC Executive Director*

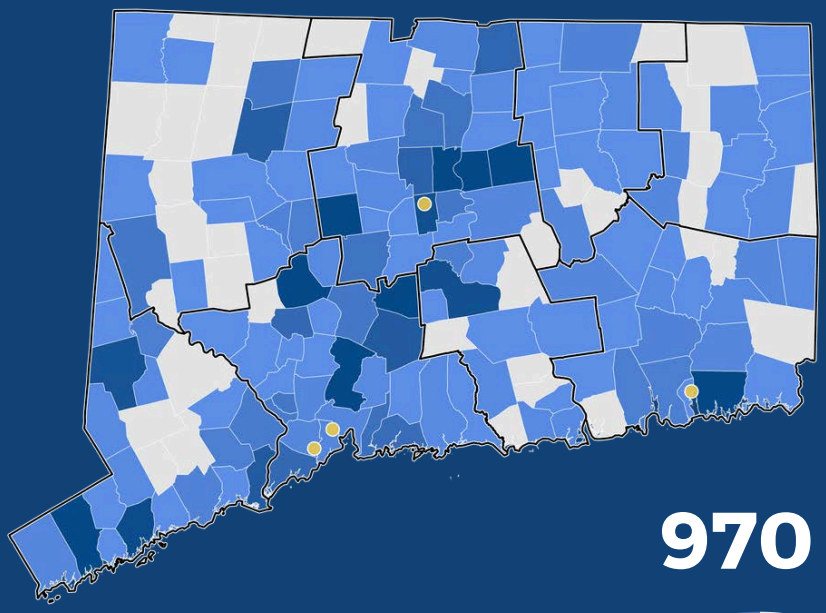


15% of the clients we served last year are women Veterans, exceeding the national percentage. We are proud to be led by two women Veterans: Executive Director **Alison Weir** (U.S. Air Force Lt. Col., Retired) and Chair of the Board of Directors, **Margaret Donovan** (U.S. Army JAG Veteran). Women Veterans have unique needs—including different medical needs and a higher prevalence of Military Sexual Trauma/MST—and we are proud to always be here to serve.

Photos: (Top) U.S. Navy Veteran and CVLC Chief of Staff Vee Warden. Photo by David Apuzzo. (Middle) National Veterans Council for Legal Redress Executive Director Garry Monk speaking from the stage at their annual Veterans Day celebration. Photo by Staff Photographer. (Bottom) U.S. Air Force Veteran and CVLC Executive Director Alison Weir speaking with U.S. Army Veteran Sue. Photo by David Apuzzo.

SERVING MORE THAN 1,600 VETERANS IN THE LAST YEAR

CONNECTICUT VETERANS LEGAL CENTER'S IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



Thanks to our four locations and hybrid model that allows our attorneys to meet Veterans where they live, we helped Veterans in every region of Connecticut in the 2025-2026 year.

Darker colors represent greater population density of clients by municipality. Yellow dots represent our four client-facing locations.

970 LEGAL CASES

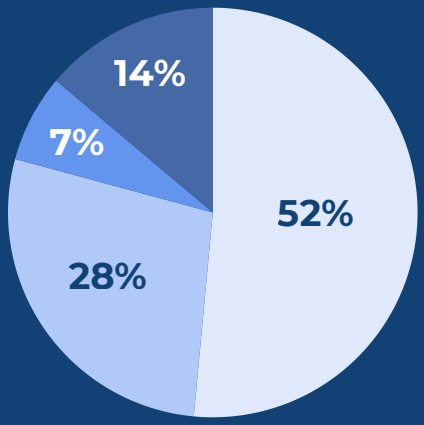
OUTCOMES

$49MM

in anticipated lifetime VA income benefits secured

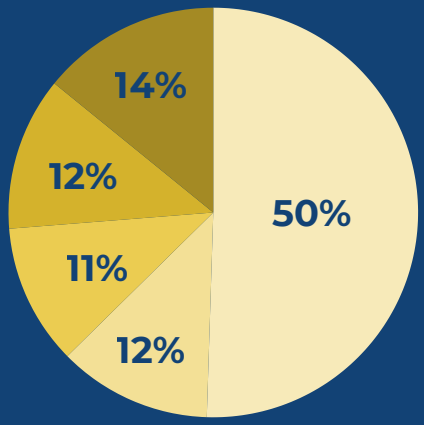
$3.86MM

in VA disability compensation benefit back pay restored



LEGAL CASE BY TYPE

Landlord-Tenant & Eviction (52%)
VA Benefit Appeals & Access (28%)
Military Discharge Upgrades (7%)
Other Civil Legal Aid (14%)



CASE PLAN BY TYPE

Full Representation (50%)
One-Time Advice (12%)
Pro Se Assistance (11%)
Review & Advise (12%)
Pro Bono Attorney Partner (14%)

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296
Veterans with Increased Housing Stability

13
Successful Military Discharge Upgrades

Data is based on our client and case data, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.



MEET MR. FOSBERG

U.S. ARMY VETERAN

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center met U.S. Army Veteran Donald Fosberg in 2021. Mr. Fosberg was referred to us by a social worker at the Newington VA when she discovered that he had received a “Kapa” notice—the first official notice that he was in danger of being evicted—due to the condition of his apartment and alleged carpet damage.

His attorneys—**Sharon Fialkowich**, followed by **Brendan Murphy**—worked with Mr. Fosberg and his clinical team to identify a plan that would relieve the landlord’s concerns and keep Mr. Fosberg in his home. By this time, Mr. Fosberg was in his 80s and living with readily observable physical disabilities. Our hope was that with financial assistance to repair any damage and the help of a newly-secured visiting aide, the case could be quickly settled.

Shockingly, the landlord—Centrix Property Management—instead pushed it to trial.

After a two-day trial in January 2022, Attorney Murphy secured a May 2022 ruling from the court in Mr. Fosberg’s favor. He could remain in his home, and he now had the regular support of an aide thanks to the VA. *But the case wasn’t closed.*

Swiftly after the ruling, Centrix Management alerted Mr. Fosberg of an immediate rent increase. Connecticut Veterans Legal Center filed a fair rent complaint, which settled quickly in Mr. Fosberg’s favor. The landlord then served another Kapa notice, attempting to once again evict Mr. Fosberg.



By this point, Mr. Fosberg’s health was continuing to deteriorate. With the assistance of his VA clinicians, a conservator was secured, and he was ultimately able to move to a residential care facility. To alleviate further stress on Mr. Fosberg and because he needed to move for the sake of his health, the final summary process was settled. The residential facility where Mr. Fosberg moved is where he lived peacefully until his passing in early 2025.

Although Mr. Fosberg's battle with Centrix Management Company was effectively resolved, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center was owed attorney's fees based on the 2022 trial. Thanks to representation by The Yale Law School Jerome Frank Legal Services Organization, the landlord was ordered to pay $3,500. They appealed. The case ultimately went before the Connecticut State Supreme Court, who decided in our favor. The case then returned to trial court so findings could be made about a new test of "practicability"—the idea that award amounts should make sense and, in these circumstances, should not devalue the work of attorneys at non-profit legal aid organizations when calculating the value of legal fees.

After an additional hearing, the $3,500 in legal fees were again ordered to be paid. In February 2026, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center filed to now also receive compensation from Centrix Management Company for the extensive appellate work that was necessary to secure our original legal fees. Naturally, this was also appealed by the landlord. After another series of pleadings and formal settlement conferences, the parties settled with an agreement that $5,000 would be paid by Centrix Management Company in recognition of the additional costs incurred during the prolonged appellate process. These funds, thus concluding the long and extensive work on an otherwise simple legal issue, were received in July 2026.

The $8,298.47 Connecticut Veterans Legal Center ultimately received is hardly reflective of the hundreds of hours of work attorneys and law school students put in over five years. But we are proud to set a precedent affirmed by the Connecticut Supreme Court: that defendants represented by legal aid programs can receive attorneys' fees that are warranted and that those fees are not bound by caps on plaintiff's attorney's fees identified in the lease if doing so is impracticable under the circumstances and would thwart the equitable purpose of Sec. 42-150bb of the Connecticut General Statutes. **It is another win towards a more-equal civil justice system.**

The most important person in this case is Mr. Donald Fosberg. Connecticut Veterans Legal Center was proud to serve him in his final years alongside the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, working together to ensure he had the care and dignity he deserved in his final years of life.



We would like to give thanks to all who were involved in helping Donald Fosberg pursue this case over the years, including: Brendan Murphy, Sharon Fialkovich, Darren Pruslow, and Christy Fisher, Connecticut Legal Services, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization at Yale Law School (Jeff Gentes and Anika Singh Lemar), Community Renewal Team's SSVF team, the Newington VA Homeless Team, and Amy Robinson.

Photos: (top left) Stock imagery, Adobe. (middle, left) VA Benefits and Elder Law Attorney Sharon Fialkovich with Civil-Legal Attorney Brendan Murphy. (right) Stock imagery, Canva.

MEET OUR CLIENTS

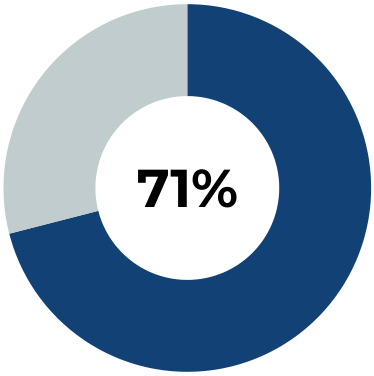
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HELP ALL WHO SERVED?

Our team has the privilege to help Veterans who represent the full span of the Veteran experience, from people who have hit a sudden roadbump to those who have more complex and profound needs.

This is possible thanks to our robust Medical-Legal Partnership with the VA Connecticut Healthcare System and other community-based partners. Thank you.

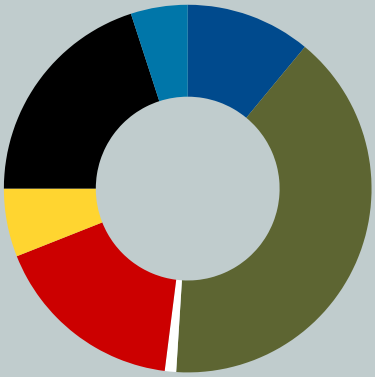


Photo: U.S. Army Veteran and CVLC Intake and Program Access Specialist Juliet Taylor. Photo by David Apuzzo.

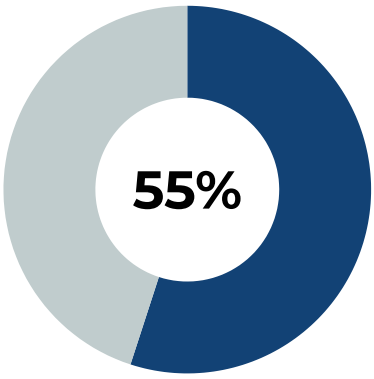


OF CLIENTS HAVE BEEN HOMELESS

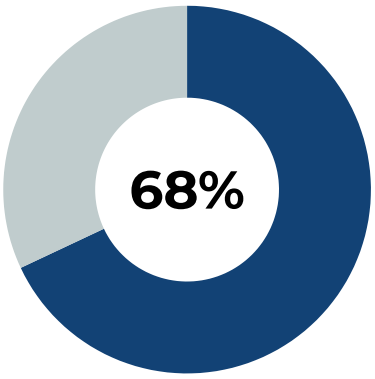
VETERANS BY BRANCH



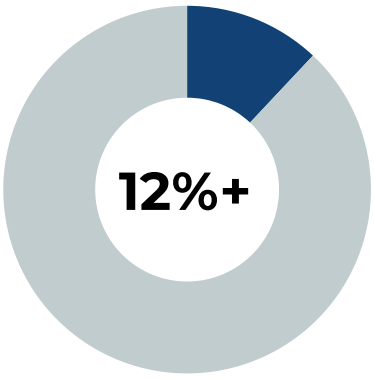
- Air Force 11%
- Army 40%
- Coast Guard 1%
- Marines 17%
- National Guard 6%
- Navy 20%
- Reserves 5%



OF CLIENTS ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD



OF CLIENTS HAVE A DISABILITY



OF CLIENTS SERVED IN COMBAT

PRO BONO ATTORNEY NETWORK

“Like many volunteers, I try to live my life (and use what legal skills I have) to be of service to others. Connecticut Veterans Legal Center has given me the opportunity to be of assistance to men and women who themselves have given great service to us.

While my work on behalf of these clients involves a very different type of legal practice than the areas of the law in which I spent most of my professional career, hopefully it has benefited at least a few Veterans who served our country honorably and who at some point found themselves in need of a little legal help. It is an honor to be able to assist these men and women.”



- **John H. Durham**, *Former United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut*

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Photo: John H. Durham official portrait, U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut.

2025-2026 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR SUPPORT

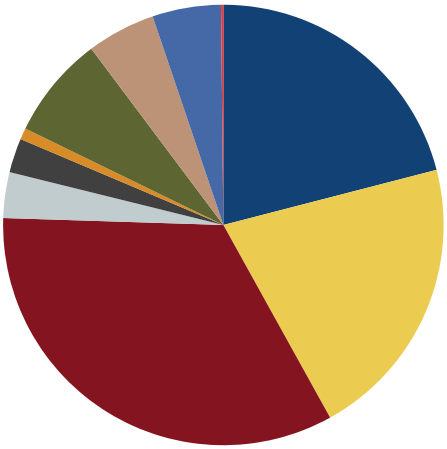
Connecticut Veterans Legal Center is proud to NEVER charge the Veterans we serve...there is no fee for our work and 100% of any income benefit they earned, they receive. This is made possible thanks to our robust network of supporters.

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center's Board of Directors has engaged **Whittlesey** to conduct our audit for 2025-2026. We expect the audit to be completed and available on our website by January 1, 2027.

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center is a client of **Jitasa Group**, which manages our accounting needs. Revenue reported on an accural basis, following GAAP.

Audited financial statements and 990s are available upon request and posted publicly on our website: **ctveteranslegal.org/our-impact**.

REVENUE BY TYPE



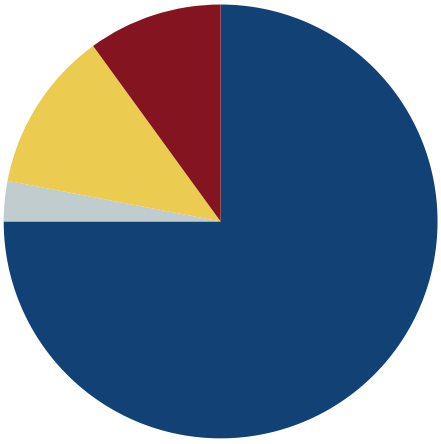
- Federal Funding* (25%)
- Department of VA - LSV-H** (25%)
- Private Foundations (40%)
- Corporations (4%)
- Individuals (3%)
- Court-Issued Legal Fees (1%)
- State of Connecticut*** (9%)
- SSVF Sub-Contracts (6%)
- Special Events (Net) (6%)
- Other Unrestricted (0.2%)

**Includes Right to Counsel, Title III*

***Includes funds committed in FY26 to support the program in FY26 and FY27*

****Includes IOLTA, CFGIA, JBGIA*

EXPENSES BY TYPE



- Programs & Services (75%)
- Administrative & Oversight (12%)
- Fundraising (10%)
- Marketing & Outreach (3%)



$1 INVESTED $21 IN IMPACT

Analyzing seven years of data, the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis found that **for every $1 invested in the work Connecticut Veteran Legal Center does, Veterans see $21 in impact**.

Learn more at **ctveteranslegal.org/our-impact**.

THE RIDE 2026: 150+ RIDERS, 4,645+ MILES



THE RIDE FOR OUR VETS CELEBRATES 15 YEARS!

On June 13, 2026, a group of more than 150 Riders set-out to make a difference in the lives of Connecticut Veterans... and they did! Collectively over three and a half months, our Riders and sponsors raised nearly $150,000, harnessing the power of their networks and those around them who share our passion for ensuring all who served have access to the benefits that they earned.

The Ride for Our Vets started as a passion project of **Len Miller**, who wanted to use his platinum jubilee (70th birthday) as a means of making a difference. 15 years ago, Len brought together **Clif McFeely**, **Luis Hernandez**, and **Robin Hogen** to ride 100-miles together and raise $20,000 for our then-fledgling organization. We were so honored to have Len join us as Chair of this year's Ride!

Learn about the Ride for Our Vets at **ctveteranslegal.org/theride**.

Photo: Riders at the Post-Ride Celebration during the 15th Annual Ride for Our Vets. Photo by Devon Noonan. See more photos at ctveteranslegal.org/theride.

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THANK YOU!

TO ALL OUR DONORS WHO UNDERWRITE OUR WORK AND SUPPORT OUR MISSION

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Saluting Service is one of our largest events of the year, bringing people together and helping us raise critical funds to ensure that all who served in our U.S. Military have access to justice and the resources they need to overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, income, and recovery.

In 2025, we were thrilled to welcome our most guests ever to the Canal Dock Boathouse for an incredible evening. In addition to our incredible honorees, we welcomed former Chief of the National Guard **General Daniel R. Hokanson** (U.S. Army, Retired), who gave riveting keynote remarks.

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