



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
c/o 287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067



**Chair, Michael A. Thomas**  
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January 7, 2021

Honorable Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of the State  
State of Connecticut  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Merrill,

Happy New Year! It is my pleasure, as the Chairman of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Trustees, to present the following proposal for the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule, for your consideration:

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3:30pm  
Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3:30pm  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3:30pm  
And  
Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3:30pm

Further, I propose that all meetings be held in accordance with any and all COVID mitigation procedures enacted and in force at the proposed meeting times. Further, if the Board is required to continue meeting remotely, then I suggest that we use Teams as our platform. In my experience it is more stable and reliable than ZOOM. If given sufficient notice, I believe all Board members can make proper arrangement for Teams access.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact me with any questions at [mt@aya.yale.edu](mailto:mt@aya.yale.edu) or by phone at (203) 864-5433.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Thomas, Chairman  
Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Commander, United States Navy (Vet.)