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## Sounding Taps



### CPT (Ret) Joseph J McGowan Jr

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/hartfordcourant/name/joseph-mcgowan-obituary?id=38670880>

**A Note of Thanks:** Miriam Shaw, widow of recently passed 1SG (Ret) Michael Shaw, would like to relay her thanks, and those of her family to those who expressed their condolences on Mike's passing. *"Thank you for your support at this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. We are grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow."* Miriam Shaw and family



<https://www.leetestevens.com/memorials/michael-shaw/4093076/index.php>

**'Widow's Tax' on Survivors Will Be Completely Gone as of Feb. 1 Benefit Checks** The surviving spouses of military retirees who receive income from two separate benefit programs will no longer have their benefits reduced by any so-called "widow's tax."

**Veterans to Get Free Emergency Care During Suicidal Mental Health Crises** Starting Tuesday, veterans experiencing an emergency suicidal crisis will be eligible for no-cost care, including inpatient treatment, at any [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) facility or non-VA hospital, regardless of whether they are enrolled with the VA....

**State Tax Information for Military Members and Retirees** You may know that military allowances like [Basic Allowance for Housing](#) are tax-free. You may also know that most VA benefits are also tax-free....

### Leaders Detail Future of National Guard

National Guard Bureau

Daniel R. Hokanson, chief of the **National Guard** Bureau, said Tuesday. Hokanson and Senior Enlisted Advisor Tony L. Whitehead, the senior enlisted ...

**2023 Calendar of Events: (New events are in red)**

**Thu, 23 Feb 23 - Retiree Breakfast:** 0900 at Pop's Family Restaurant, 134 Old Gate Lane, **Milford**

**Thu, 30 Mar 23 - Retiree Breakfast:** 0900 at the Hangry Goose, 11 Halls Rd, **Old Lyme**

**Thu, 27 Apr 23 – Retiree Breakfast:** 0900 at Pop's, 134 Old Gate Lane, **Milford**

**Thu, 11 May – Sat 13 May – Vietnam War Commemoration,** National Mall, Washington, DC

<https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

**Fri, 19 May 23 – Armed Forces Day Luncheon:** 1100 at Aqua Turf Club, Southington.

More Information at: <https://ct.ng.mil/About/Events/Armed-Forces-Day-Luncheon/> or

<https://www.facebook.com/CTArmedForcesDay>

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