



August 11, 2006



# RETRO VACATION-SICK LEAVE ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY SINCE 9/11/2001

Public Act 2006-146, An Act Concerning Accrued Leave for State Employees Serving in the Military, was passed during the recent legislative session. The Public Act provides an additional accrued leave benefit to employees called to active duty in the armed forces for Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, military action against Iraq and the other operations/actions described in the law. The Public Act amended Connecticut General Statutes Section 5-259d and provided that employees activated for the listed operations/actions:

Shall continue to accrue all vacation and sick leave time to which the employee would be entitled if he or she had continued working in his or her state position during the time of such active service

The legislative intent was that it would apply **retroactively** and therefore it is being applied to any covered military active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

The legislation it did not change the vacation accrual maximums specified in contract or statute. Agencies must provide affected employees with 30 days advance notice of the anticipated crediting date and amount of additional leave time so that employees with vacation balances near the maximum limit will have an opportunity to use some of their vacation time before the extra time is added to their balances.

This benefit is in addition to the part-pay and continued health insurance provided to employees activated for the specified operations. The fact that an employee on military duty does not actually receive the part pay because he/she earns a higher salary on military duty than in state service would not preclude the employee from receiving his/her monthly accruals under the Public Act.

The accrued leave benefit would not apply to employees on other types of military duty or operations/actions not covered by the statute.

## DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY

For the first time in the history of Connecticut, a primary election was held in August. Record turnout carried some labor endorsed candidates to victory while others suffered major defeat.

### US Senate

CEUI's endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate, Joe Lieberman, lost to challenger Ned Lamont. Voter unhappiness with Lieberman's position on the war in Iraq motivated 78% of Democratic primary voters to vote for Lamont. Despite his defeat, Lieberman has vowed to continue his campaign to retain his Senate seat by running as an Independent in the general election.

- ✓Ned Lamont 51.78%
- \* Joe Lieberman 48.22%

### Governor

CEUI-endorsed candidate John DeStefano defeated Stamford mayor Dan Malloy to win the Democratic

nomination for Governor. Despite the last public poll showing DeStefano leading Malloy by 8 points, DeStefano won by just 1%. The New Haven mayor thanked labor organizations for their support and vowed to be a governor who cares about working families.

- \*✓John DeStefano 50.77%
- Dan Malloy 49.23%

### Key State Assembly Races

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|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 4th District   | * ✓Kelvin Roldan (D)  | 63.04% |
|                | Angel Arce (D)        | 36.96% |
| 73rd District  | ✓Jeff Berger (D)      | 51.14% |
|                | *Anthony Piccochi (D) | 48.86% |
| 127th District | * ✓Jack Hennessy (D)  | 52.05% |
|                | Thomas McCarthy (D)   | 47.95% |

(\* CEUI-endorsed candidate ✓ Winner)

## Did You Know

The Health Insurance plan allows for your doctor to write prescriptions for up to a 100 day supply at your local drug store. The copay for a 100 day supply is \$3 for generic drugs and \$6 for brand drugs.

Why pay \$3 or \$6 per month or \$9 or \$18 over 3 months versus \$3 or \$6 over three months for the exact same prescription? Any questions, call George Spurlock at (860) 343-8722 or Steven Perruccio at (860) 343-8718.

The above was first printed in a leaflet dated July 14, 2006. There have been a large number of calls from active and retired members who were not aware of this benefit.

### Reminder—Service Ratings

- As the big season for service ratings approaches—August/September—Article 29, Sick Leave, Section 7—Sick leave taken in accordance with Section Three, Subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this article shall **NOT** be considered an occasion of sick leave.

### Seniority and Pension Credit

- Were you laid off in 2003? If so, have you contacted your agency personnel officer to obtain seniority and pension credit? If you have questions or problems, contact Steven Perruccio at (860) 343-8718.

### August/September 2006 Membership Meetings

The nine (9) statewide September Membership Meetings have been scheduled. We encourage active as well as retired CEUI members to attend

these important meetings. Remember your attendance at these meetings guarantees you the most up-to-date information on issues affecting you and your family. Please plan to attend. The dates, times and places of the meetings are as follows:

#### Sunday, August 27

UConn/Storrs, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center  
2:00 pm

#### Monday, August 28

CEUI Headquarters, Middletown  
7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, August 29

DPW Trade Shop, 309 Buckingham St., Hartford  
12:00 pm  
UConn/Storrs, St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall  
3:30 pm  
Yantic Firehouse, Norwich  
7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, August 30

Oliver Wolcott Tech, Café, Torrington  
4:30 pm  
Kaynor Tech, Demo Room, Waterbury  
7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, September 5

Gateway Comm. College, Rm 160, New Haven  
7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, September 6

Norwalk CTC, Norwalk Campus, Rm West 128  
7:00 pm

Union Secretary/Treasurer Leslie Maddocks has issued a call for the CEUI COPE Convention on Friday, October 6, 2006. The convention will be held in Middletown. Delegates will be selected at the September Regional Membership meetings. If you are interested in being a delegate, be sure to attend one of the membership meetings listed above.

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