

# SITREPS & ALERTS

## VET NEWS BULLETS

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### INTELL UPDATE / IN THE NEWS



**Brain Trust: Pathways to InnoVation to be Held In Boston May 17-18, 2017** - designed to inspire critical health solutions it will foster debate, as well as facilitate national, partnership-based solutions in the general area of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and head trauma. This annual event is designed to promote forward-thinking dialogue and innovative collaboration among private industry, national/professional sports organizations, the federal government, innovators, scientists, athletes, clinicians, care-givers and Veterans. This year, the VA Center for Strategic Partnerships is excited to be hosting the event at Harvard Medical School. "Hosting Brain Trust in Boston is a natural fit," said

Matthew S. Collier, senior advisor to the secretary. "The collaborative work taking place in this city really matches the spirit of the Pathways to InnoVation series. When you see a strategic partnership like the VA-Boston University-Concussion Legacy Foundation Brain Bank, you recognize that we can achieve so much more when we work collaboratively together across institutions."



**Financial Concerns? Meet Joe "Chez" Chesloski M.Ed. AFC** Joe has been working as a fully certified Personal Finance Counselor (PFC) for the military since 2013 and has briefed and met with over 4,500 service members at military bases across the entire northeast, the Atlantic states and as far west as Kentucky. He currently serves at the Military & Family Support Center in Wellesley to help Guard, Reserve, AD, Veterans and family members with money management, debt consolidation strategies, retirement planning, TSP, The new Blended Retirement System (BRS) and negotiation with creditors for better rates. Other services include evaluation of purchases for homes, cars, and student loans for education. His experience also includes GE, Schneider Electric and the Royal Bank of Scotland. In addition, Joe holds a Masters Degree in Education and Guidance from Cambridge College. He can be reached at 774-478-0130 or by email at PFC.MA.NG@zeiders.com

## National Minority Health Month



**The month of April is designated as National Minority Health Month.** This year's theme is "Bridging Health Equity Across Communities." At VA, the Center for Minority Veterans (CMV) and Office of Health Equity (OHE) are raising awareness of the various factors that impact on the ability of minority Veterans and their families to reach the highest level of health and wellbeing. VA makes continued commitment in partnering with other federal agencies to advance equity in its policies via participation with the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team.

National Negro Health Week laid the foundation for National Minority Health Month 100 years ago. Dr. Booker T. Washington took the lead.

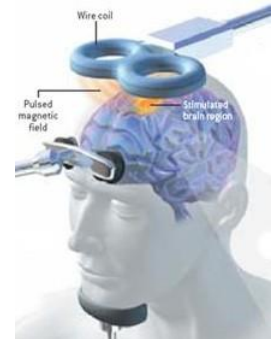
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➤ **Electromagnetic Head Device Helps Treat Veterans Battling Depression** - It's not just Veterans who are at risk of depression, as 11,887 active duty service members received a diagnosis between January and May of 2016 alone. That number adds to the 774,000 Veterans who received a possible diagnosis of major depression in 2016. The VA is providing a new option to help fight the disorder called Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, or rTMS therapy. It's a device that uses an electromagnet charged with electricity that is applied to specific points on the patient's head. The powerful magnetic field can then affect the brain cells of the person suffering from depression. VA purchased 40 rTMS devices to be distributed at facilities across the country. Staff Psychiatrist at White River Junction VA Medical Center, Paul E. Holtzheimer, MD, said "Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) is very safe and well-tolerated. I think that it should be considered when treating Veterans for depression who have not responded to anti-depressant medications." [Read More](#)



### Norfolk County Regional Veterans Council

Approximately 35 representatives from the towns and agencies in the Norfolk County region met on March 29<sup>h</sup> at the Career Center in Norwood. Several VA and non-profit agencies presented Veteran support program information followed by networking and a lunch provided by the town. The is a collaborative event which capitalize on the strengths of local relationships and is co-hosted by community partners

to empower and connect anyone interested in the cause of Veterans' well-being and resiliency. To connect with the Norfolk RVC, contact Chairman Dale Kurtz at [dkurtz@norfolkcounty.org](mailto:dkurtz@norfolkcounty.org).

- **Attention Gulf Warriors - BU Gulf War Research Study** group is seeking Veterans from this conflict for a novel treatment study for GW illnesses and will receive \$150 upon completion. Are you:
- Experiencing chronic health problems consistent with GW illness, including cognitive symptoms?
  - Not currently receiving treatment for Gulf War illness?

The study "D-Cycloserine: A Novel Treatment for Gulf War Illness" consists of 6 visits including an initial screen for qualification. Those qualifying will receive either D-Cycloserine or a placebo at the next visit. Participants are asked to take the study drug for 28 days and asked to check in several times while on the medication at which times questionnaires will be given testing memory and attention with a one month follow-up visit. Additional travel compensation may be available. Contact Laura Turner at 617-358-3048 or email at [lturner@bu.edu](mailto:lturner@bu.edu)

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- **Vet Net News on the Web!** You can now access the Vet Net News on two public access web sites courtesy of our partners at “Veterans Voice Radio “ (WATD 95.5 FM Radio) <http://959watd.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/VET-NET-NEWS-Resource-Events-Networking-Calendar-Mar-May-2017.pdf> and at the Massachusetts Veterans Advisor home page.
- **Veteran’s Tax Exemptions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Property Tax Exemptions** -for disabled veterans. Contact your local assessor's office or the MA Department of Revenue at <https://www.mass.gov/dor/>
  - **Relief from state income tax** MA also has an income tax filing deadline for military personnel in combat zones in accordance with MGL Chapter 62C, section 81.
  - **Motor Vehicle Tax** - motor vehicle excise tax exemption and a sales tax exemption for disabled veterans and ex-prisoners of war.
- **Service Members’ Perspectives on Treatment: Exploring trust and the military-civilian divide** Kevin O’Leary, Psy D student at Antioch University New England in Keene, NH is **looking for veterans and service members to participate in this study** to learn what therapists need to know and how to do better when working with military populations, and on service members' experiences with civilians. Involves a 10-20 minute online survey involving demographics, write-in questions, and multiple choice questions. For each completed survey \$2 will be donated to The Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund. MMHF is a non-profit charity providing financial, social, and advocacy support for post-9/11 Gold Star families. Contact Kevin at [koleary@antioch.edu](mailto:koleary@antioch.edu) or Dr. Peterson at [rpeterson@antioch.edu](mailto:rpeterson@antioch.edu) or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SK6VNF8>
- **HAVE YOU BEEN TRAUMA EXPOSED? DO YOU HAVE CHRONIC PAIN?** The Veterans Health Administration & National Center for PTSD is conducting a study looking at how exercise can help improve chronic pain and PTSD symptoms. Those who are eligible will be enrolled in a 12-week exercise-training program and will be compensated **\$990.00** for completing all study procedures. For more information, please contact Dr. Erica Scioli at (857)364-5696.

**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Did you know that sexual assault can occur in committed relationships?**



National Domestic Violence Hotline  
(800) 799-7233



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

# ON-GOING MISSIONS

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### MORALE – WELFARE- RECREATION & NEWS

- ☛ **Plymouth Veterans Free Fishing Trip** - May 19, 2017, “Rifles to Rods” welcomes veterans 60 years and older to enjoy a day of fishing and fun on the water. Join up to 50 other veterans on one of Captain John's fishing vessels out of Plymouth, MA for free! 6:30am - 2:00pm EDT, Captain John's, Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth. Go to <http://www.riflestorods.org/plymouth-trip> to register
- ☛ **2nd Annual Patriot Fest Concert - Saturday, May 20, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM**, The Lawn on D, 420 D Street, Boston, MA. Patriot Fest will be headlined by American country music singers and songwriters Tyler Farr and Eric Paslay and supported by Dalton and the Sheriffs and Louie Bello. Must be 21+ to attend with valid ID and ticket to enter. [www.mfhpatriotweek.org/event/patriot-fest/](http://www.mfhpatriotweek.org/event/patriot-fest/)
- ☛ **Salute Military Golf Outings Spring/Summer 2017** - SMGA sponsored Golf outings are open to all eligible SMGA Veteran Participants and SMGA Members from New England. Please see the attached list of outings. POC: Jerry Shanahan, Empowering Veterans One Fairway at a Time, 978-758-0011
- ☛ **Memorial Day Parades 2017**
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> Somerville Memorial Day Parade
  - May 29<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Memorial Day Parade



**The Veteran Golfers Association** is committed to promoting the game of golf to veterans and their family members. The VGA is a 501c3 nonprofit veteran and family development organization. Its purpose is to give veterans and their family members an opportunity to develop more active lifestyles, stronger bonds, and a competitive outlet through the game of golf. Anyone that has served or currently serves in the Armed Forces or their family members to include spouses, dependents, and parents are eligible to apply for VGA

membership. All tournaments flighted according to the individual's ability and handicap. \$40.00 joining fee provides a subscription to Golf Digest, a Golf Net handicap and the right to sign up for all VGA sponsored events. Upcoming events include Apr 29 - 12PM Crumpin Fox CC, Bernardston, MA, May 7 – 12PM Indian Pond CC- Kingston, MA; May 27 – 12PM, Cold Springs Country Club - Belchertown, MA; Jun 4 – 12PM, Blissfull Meadows GC- Uxbridge, MA; Sun, Jun 25 – 12PM Captains GC- Brewster, MA . Contact Andrew Meuse – 978-729-3967, [andrew.meuse@vgagolf.org](mailto:andrew.meuse@vgagolf.org)

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In 2016, Massachusetts Fallen Heroes created the first ever Patriot Week as a lead-in to Memorial Day. The goal was to find creative and meaningful ways to educate and inspire the citizens of Massachusetts about patriotism,

sacrifice and freedom—the real meaning behind Memorial Day and the values that so many young men and women have given their lives to protect. The result was an enormous success and we received positive feedback across the Commonwealth and now Patriot Week will be an annual and much-needed event in the Bay State. United States Air Force F-16s will conduct a statewide flyover following the National Moment of Remembrance, that asks Americans to pause in an act of national unity for the duration of one minute beginning at 3:00 PM on Memorial Day. Contact [mafallenheroes@conventures.com](mailto:mafallenheroes@conventures.com)



**May 20 & 21, 2017 - Massachusetts Military History Expo** Orange Airport is the setting once again for one of the largest gatherings of military vehicles and equipment in Massachusetts. It is an educational experience showcasing technology throughout history. Displays and exhibits from Civil War to present day. WW2 battle reenactments. Visitors can interact with living historians and listen as Military Veterans share their experiences with the wide range of equipment on site. Contact Dan Eaton at [negunevents@gmail.com](mailto:negunevents@gmail.com) or visit the website at <http://history-expo.com/> or visit the Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/historyexpo/>



- **Free! Cape Flyer Train for Veterans To Hyannis & Troops in the Spotlight – May 28**  
Depart Boston 8am with stops in Braintree, Brockton, Middleboro, Wareham, Buzzards Bay. Arrives at Hyannis 10:30 am for a full day of Vet focused activities. Depart Hyannis at 6:30pm for return trip. Live music and continental breakfast provided. Reservations [VeteransVoiceRaido@gmail.com](mailto:VeteransVoiceRaido@gmail.com)

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### EDUCATION, CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT

- **Now Hiring! Gillette Stadium Parking Flaggers** for upcoming concert season and Patriots games! **Hiring Event Monday, May 1st!** New England Center & Home for Vets (Veterans Training School), 17 Court Street, Boston. Schedule: 9:30am-12:00pm: Applications, Interviews & Offer Letter Paperwork; 1:00pm-2:00pm: ID Checks and Paperwork; 2:00pm-3:30pm: Orientation. Round trip transportation service to Veterans that will pick up & drop off at NECHV on the event days. See John Silva at 617-371-1742 or [john.silva@nechv.org](mailto:john.silva@nechv.org).
- **Math Instructor Veterans Upward Bound at UMass Boston** is seeking an Instructor for its five week, summer math course. The instructor will provide instruction in mathematics to student veterans from a foundation level through college level Algebra. The Instructor will also administer pre/post tests to determine students math level, and will use the ALEKS software program to assign homework, review homework, and monitor progress. Please email your resume and short statement of interest to [veteransupwardbound@umb.edu](mailto:veteransupwardbound@umb.edu)
- **Learn a Foreign Language!** Veterans Upward Bound is a free, online learning tools for eligible veterans to learn a foreign language. Transparent Language allows students to learn all or parts of a foreign language online from any location/device. It is self-directed and intuitive, so it brings the student along at an individually measured pace. This tool is ideal for student veterans to prepare for college level foreign language courses, whether in a language they already have familiarity with or for a new one. Please email our program at [veteransupwardbound@umb.edu](mailto:veteransupwardbound@umb.edu) to request credentials to use Transparent Language.
- **Farming Opportunity for Vets – “Vets and Veggies”** is a non-profit organization that is looking to provide Veterans with housing and education-al programming on how to run a sustainable farm. They are seeking 6 Veterans interested in the opportunity. Vets and Veggies is committed to serving Veterans through housing and agriculture, keeping their hands and minds busy while building self-esteem and growing food for the community. Residency timeframe will be determined between applicant and program coordinator. Contact Jake Alexander at [jakealexander@vetsandveggies.com](mailto:jakealexander@vetsandveggies.com).
- **Quabbin Mediation Training 2017 Schedule - Mediation Skills Training 6-hour 9:30 am to 4:00 pm**
  - May 9th : WWII Club-The Deuce, 50 Conz Street, Northampton, MA
  - June 1st : American Legion Nonantum Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA**Professional Mediation Training 35-hour 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**  
Fridays, May 12, May 19, June 2, June 9, and June 16: American Legion Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA  
POC: Donald Andrejczyk at [varee1945@gmail.com](mailto:varee1945@gmail.com).



#### ➤ **Warrior Thunder Scholarships:**

- SFC Larry Garner Veteran’s Scholarship : two each @ \$1,100
- Warrior Thunder Veterans Children’s Scholarship : one each @ \$1,000
- Warrior Thunder JH Sanderson Children’s Scholarship : one each @ \$1,000

**All completed applications are due in by 01 MAY.** Late arrivals will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in person on 08JUN at the Warrior Thunder Golf Tournament, Northborough MA. Instructions and applications can be found online at <http://www.warriorthunderfoundation.org/wtfd-scholarships/>

- **JOB - Northeastern University Assistant Director Admissions, Military** - design and implement an effective military and veteran recruitment strategy to include travel and eRecruitment initiatives designed to attract and enroll undergraduate, graduate and professional students within the Professional Advancement Network. Go to <https://neu.peopleadmin.com/postings/47163>.

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- ❖ **Lowell Vet Center Programs - 10 George St., Lowell** – see Rich Barbato or Cheryl Michaud at: (978) 453-1151 , or richard.barbato@va.gov / Cheryl.Michaud@va.gov
  - **OEF/OIF/OND Group meeting:** Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:00pm – facilitated by combat Vets.
  - **Warrior Yoga:** Mondays, 6 - 7pm on Mon and Wed; 12:00-1:20pm on Wed; 1:00-2:20pm on Friday
  - **Walk The War Off, OEF/OIF/OND Vet Hiking Group:** Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30pm, see Rich
  - **Vet Partner/Spouse Support Group** – Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm; provide specialized support, psycho-education, and skills to female partners of Vets; POC: Amanda Mead or Catherine Chasse, (978) 453-1151
- ❖ **“Veterans Business Owner’s Initiative” Classes** – a group of organizations and programs designed to help Vets develop and manage their own successful businesses. Tuesdays at 2pm, Brockton VA Campus, Building 22, Room 223C. More information at [www.vboi.info](http://www.vboi.info).
- ❖ **Team Red White & Blue Group Run** – 6:30-7:30, Wednesdays, Marathon Sports, 671 Boylston St, **Boston**; Thursdays, 287 School Street, **Mansfield** and 300 Martin Luther King Jr Way, **Lowell**; roughly 3 mile course
- ❖ **“60+ Veterans Group”** – meets every Wednesday, 10am-noon; **Twelfth Baptist Church**, 150 Warren St, Roxbury, MA, (617) 442-7855
- ❖ **OIF/OEF/OND Group:** meets every second and fourth Wednesday; 5:30 PM at the **Boston Vet Center**, 7 Drydock Ave Boston; call Amy at 857-203-3009 or Steve at 857-203-3005.
- ❖ **Vets Re-Employment Support Services at VA Boston:** Resume writing, interview prep, goal setting, Job Placement; **JP**-Mondays, 11am-2pm, Rm D3-122; **Brockton**-Thursdays, 8am-4pm, Bldg 7, Rm A104. For more info call 774-826-3069.
- ❖ **VETERANS COFFEE SOCIAL – North Shore CC, LYNN CAMPUS CAFETERIA 10AM – 11:30AM EVERY TUESDAY;** Meet and socialize with other veterans while enjoying a complimentary cup of coffee and snack!
- ❖ **Veterans Coffee Socials (host: VA Community Recovery Connections Team )**
  - **Lynn** - Tuesday mornings at 117 Franklin St. from 0800-0930 (**Veterans Resource Center**)
  - **Bedford VA** - Thursday mornings in the canteen from 0730-0900 (**Cafeteria**)
  - **Lowell** - Thursday evening at Santoro’s Restaurant , 194 Gorham St. from 400-600 (**Pizza Place**)
  - **Gloucester** - Friday mornings at 12 Emerson Ave. in from 0730-0900. (**VSO’s Office**)
  - **Haverhill** – Friday mornings, 8-11am at 10 Reed Street
  - **Lawrence** – Tuesdays, 8-9:15, Lawrence Senior Center, 115 Haverhill St
  - **Somerville** - Monday mornings at Mass Bay Veterans Center located at 2 North St. 7:30-9:00  
\*Contact Tony Russo, VA Bedford, 781-687-3322
- ❖ **Walk-In Legal Clinic for Low Income/Homeless Veterans - Veterans Legal Services** provides comprehensive civil legal services. Call 617-552-0623 to see if you are income eligible. **Mondays** at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, 10:30-12:30 and **Wednesdays**, 6-7pm at the NE Center & Home for Vets, 17 Court St, Boston
- ❖ **Take Back Your Life - “Silent No More”**- hands on therapy program for mental strength building held daily at the VA Brockton Campus. Contact [Grishelda.Hogan@va.gov](mailto:Grishelda.Hogan@va.gov) or at VA Boston Mental Health 774- 826-1242
- ❖ **Monthly New England Vets Gathering** - 6-9pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Point - 147 Hanover Street (Faneuil Hall) - Upstairs Bar; socialize, connect and strengthen Vet bonds. Contact Michael Petit at [Michael.Petit@ny.email.gs.com](mailto:Michael.Petit@ny.email.gs.com)
- ❖ **Worcester – Vets Pizza Social** – at **Project New Hope**, 70 James Street, Ste 157, every third Friday, 12-2pm. Everyone welcome; come and enjoy. Call 774-243-7859

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- ❖ **Veterans Support and Counseling Center Framingham**- Veterans need to be able to have services come to them and that is goal of the VA Vet Center Community Access Point at the Open Spirit Building on the campus of Edwards Church, 39 Edwards Street in the Saxonville section of **Framingham**. Hours are Monday, 0800-1830; Wednesday, 0800-1830 and Thursday, 0800-1830. Connect with Dave Heilman at 413-584-4040.
- ❖ **Boston Vet Counseling Center Group Meetings** (5-11 Dry Dock Ave, Suite 2070 Boston, MA 02210). Contact Kimberly Walker for more info at (857)203-6461.
  - Monday - Vietnam PTSD 12:00 – 1:30 pm
  - Tuesday - HUMV Veteran Support 8:00-11:00am
  - Wednesday - PTSD Vietnam 10:00am – 12:00pm (Every 2-weeks)
  - Wednesday – Military Sexual Trauma Group, Christine Manns to register (857) 203-6461
  - Thursday - Vietnam African American 10:00am – 12:00pm (Monthly); Vietnam PTSD 6:30 – 8:30pm
  - Friday - Mindfulness 11:00am – 12:30pm
- ❖ **Hudson Vets Talk Group – Hudson** - connect and network with area Vets every other Thursday. Meets at 9:00AM at the Hudson, MA Senior Center, 29 Church Street.
- ❖ **Falmouth Veterans Coffee Break** 2nd Sat of each month from 9-1030A, @ Falmouth Elks Lodge, Palmer Ave. Talk, listen, and caffeinate to special guest speakers, Email Joe [uscgdiver@comcast.net](mailto:uscgdiver@comcast.net) or call 508-548-0329
- ❖ **VBA Claims Assistance at Chelsea Soldiers Home** - meet with a MA DVS claims specialist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and by appointment, Keville House, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea, MA, walk in hours 9am-1pm,
- ❖ **Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) On-Site Service Rep!**
  - Brockton VA Campus, Bldg 3, Eligibility – alt Fridays, 8am-4:30pm, Karen Ameri, 508-583-4500, x 2058
  - Brockton VA Campus, , Bldg 3, Eligibility – alternate Fridays, 8-10am, Patrick Bailey, 508-583-4500, x 2058
  - Jamaica Plain Campus, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Comp & Pen Desk, Tues/Thurs, 7:30-3; James Robinson, 617-303-4986
  - W. Roxbury Campus, Eligibility, Thursdays, 8:30-11:45am, Anthony Jackson, 617-303-4992
- ❖ **Disability Claim Assistance** – the Dept of MA **VFW Service Officer** is available at two accessible locations:
  - **Brockton VA Campus** every Tuesday, 9am-3pm, VFW office, Bldg 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room A-504
  - **Jamaica Plain VA Campus** – every Thursday, 9am-3pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, C Wing, Room 34
  - POC: Delray Dorsey, [delraydorsey1399@gmail.com](mailto:delraydorsey1399@gmail.com); 781-812-8125
  - Also available for home visits for house bound Veterans
- ❖ **New! Heidrea 4 Heroes Drop-In Hours** will facilitate the application process for veterans and their families living on the Cape, and provide a more convenient in-person opportunity to connect with a representative from Heidrea for Heroes. Krista Landry, Associate Director of Outreach, will be on site at The Cape Cod Vet Center located at 474 West Main St., Hyannis, MA, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on April 27th, May 25th, and June 22.

### DOWN RANGE EVENTS

- ❖ **“The Moving Wall”** Aug 17-21, Wareham, a 1/2-sized replica of the D.C. Vietnam Veterans memorial will be on display



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<b>Research Advisory Committee On Gulf War Veterans Illnesses</b> <a href="http://www.va.gov/RAC-GWVI/">www.va.gov/RAC-GWVI/</a>	4/20-21/17	Revere Hotel Boston Common Grandmaster Ballroom 200 Stuart St Boston, Ma	9am-5pm Saturday; 8:45-noon Sunday; provides advice and makes recommendations to SEC VA op proposed research studies, plans and treating health consequences of service in SW Asia.. Email: <a href="mailto:rac@ucsf.edu">rac@ucsf.edu</a>
<b>Project New Hope PTSD Retreat</b>	4/22-23/17	Grotonwood Camp and Conference Center 167 Prescott St, Groton, MA 01450	Participate in the healing power of mutual support, targeted services and the camaraderie of friends. Veterans from all eras from across the United States are welcome. <a href="https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/">https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/</a>
<b>Military Retiree Appreciation Day</b>	4/21/17	Hanscom Air Force Base Minute Man Commons Hanscom AFB, MA	8:30 to 11:45 a.m. information and services; followed by a presentation by the Fraud Watch Network at noon. contact the Retiree Activities Office at 781-225-1310 or Bobby Jacques at 781-225-1333.
<b>DoD Yellow Ribbon Event</b> <b>US Navy Reserve</b>	4/22-23/17	Peabody Marriot 8 Centennial Dr, Peabody, MA 01960	8am-3pm; Post deployment event; Joint support by VA Boston and VA Bedford, Vet Center etc
<b>AGENT ORANGE Town Hall Meeting</b> Hosts: Greenfield CC, Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services, Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts Inc	4/22/17	Greenfield Community College Dining Commons 1 College Drive Greenfield, MA	12-3:30pm; review issues and diseases caused by Agent Orange exposure and benefits available. Q and A periods. Veterans' claims officers on site. Free Health Care Screening 12:00-1 pm. Contact (413) 772-1571 or (413) 775-1825
<b>Women Veterans Art Exhibit</b>	4/24-28/17	VA Jamaica Plain Conference Center 150 S. Huntington Jamaica Plain, MA	Opening 10am-noon, April 24. Light refreshments and discussion. POC: <a href="mailto:Carolyn.MasonWholley@va.gov">Carolyn.MasonWholley@va.gov</a>
<b>Military Sexual Trauma Film and Forum "Invisible War"</b> Vet Counseling Center Boston	4/24/17	VA Jamaica Plain Conference Center 150 S. Huntington Jamaica Plain, MA	Time: Noon-3pm, Includes film showing regarding US military members who have suffered the trauma of sexual assault and its aftermath. POC: Christine Manns, (857) 203-6461 <a href="mailto:Christine.Manns@va.gov">Christine.Manns@va.gov</a> ,
<b>Live Facebook Chat Military Sexual Trauma</b>	4/25/17	Log on to <a href="http://www.facebook.com/VABoston">www.facebook.com/VABoston</a>	Time: Noon – 1 pm. On-line discussion with MST experts including VA staff counselor Lola Baird, 774-826-2217.
<b>NE University - Improv Asylum's Corporate Training</b>	4/26/17	NEU Center for the Advancement of Vets and Servicemembers 271 Huntington Ave 2nd Floor Boston, MA	Improvisation is a skill that translates across career fields. Join Improv Asylum's corporate training program, for a weekly series of four 1.5hr classes. Other class dates are May 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Please attend all classes. Register at EventBrite.

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<b>BLUES FOR VETERANS ASSOCIATION</b> "A NIGHT OF BLUES"	4/29/17	George A. Campbell Am Legion Post 101 194 Lexington Street Woburn, MA	7-11:30pm; Featuring Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers , Steven Dineen and Chris Fitz; \$10 pp, Cash Bar, Contact: Mike Dever 781-354-2766 or <a href="http://www.bluesforveterans.org">www.bluesforveterans.org</a>
<b>Woburn Veterans Coffee Social</b> Bedford VA Peer Services	5/5/17	Woburn Sr. Center 144 School St. Woburn, MA	Time: 8-9:30; brief presentation about: -VA Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) -VA Supported Employment -The Veterans Construction Team (VCT). See Steve Hines, Bedford VA @ 781-687-3173
<b>Lowell Veterans Coffee Social</b> Lowell VSO and Bedford VA Peer Services	5/5/17	Lowell Senior Center 267 Broadway St. Lowell, MA	Time: 8-9:30; brief presentation about: -VA Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) -VA Supported Employment -The Veterans Construction Team (VCT). See Steve Hines, Bedford VA @ 781-687-3173
<b>Southeastern Mass Warrior/Veterans Expo and Fair!</b> Middleborough Elks, Town of Middleborough, VA Boston and Vet Counseling Centers	5/6/17	Middleborough Lodge of the Elks 24 High St Middleboro, MA (508) 947-0190	10am – 2pm; An empowering and fun day for Vets, troops and families. Give aways, free music, lunch and snacks, vehicle display, kids activities . Every benefit and resource in the region represented! <a href="mailto:David.Hencke@va.gov">David.Hencke@va.gov</a> ; 857-364-5934
<b>16th Annual Marine Corps Honor Run</b> <b>Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation</b>	5/6/17	Carson Beach South Boston	Time: 9am; fundraising and fellowship. the Nation's oldest and largest provider of scholarships to military children whose parent has been killed or wounded in combat, or who have demonstrated financial need. <a href="http://www.mchonorrun.com">www.mchonorrun.com</a> ; <b>888-767-RACE</b>
<b>"Ruck4HIT Cape Cod 2017"</b> <b>Heroes In Transition Fundraiser</b> To run volunteer, FB: Ruck4HIT or <a href="mailto:ruck4hit@gmail.com">ruck4hit@gmail.com</a> .	5/5-6/17	Cape Cod	A team-based endurance ruck relay event. 20 teams of seven who will ruck 220+ miles through Cape Cod as participants run from one end of the Cape to the other and back! Each athlete will run 3-4 miles, running 24/7 until completion . \$80 registration fee.
<b>"Mid-Morning Chow With the Jarheads"</b>	5/6/17	AMVETS Post #79 1 Superior Drive Natick, MA	11am-1pm; <b>Free Veterans Brunch</b>
<b>Veterans Employment and Housing Clinic</b>	5/8/17	Quincy Career Center	10am-2pm; a great opportunity for local Veterans to gain access both employment and housing while getting VA benefits information (claims and vocational rehab). See <a href="mailto:charles.franklin2@va.gov">charles.franklin2@va.gov</a> ; 617-631-2658
<b>Salute Military Golf Association</b> <b>Cranberry Valley Golf Outing</b>	5/8/17	Cranberry Valley Golf Course 183 Oak Street, Harwich, MA	Registration 7:30; Shot Gun Start 8:30 am.; Wounded/ Injured Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans from Cape Cod, South Shore & RI to enjoy a day of golf and camaraderie Email Jerry Shanahan <a href="mailto:jerrys@smgaboston.org">jerrys@smgaboston.org</a>

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<b>North Shore Veterans &amp; Community Job &amp; Resource Fair</b> NSCC, Salem State College, NS Career Centers	5/9/17	North Shore Community College Lynn Campus Gym 300 Broad Street	Time: 2-3pm Veterans only; 3-5pm open to the public. Vet benefits and resource tables also on site. POC: kbabcock@northshore.edu
<b>VA Open House! Benefits and Services</b> VA Boston Healthcare	5/10/17	Community Based Outpatient Clinic 130 Marshall Road Lowell, MA	Time: 3pm – 7pm; Connect with VA and local services and programs. Free food. On-site health care and disability claims processing. David.Hencke@va.gov
<b>Veterans Inc. Best Ball Charity Classic</b>	5/10/17	Heritage Country Club Charlton, Mass	Support Our Veterans and Their Families Shotgun Start at 9am
<b>“22 a Day” Suicide Education Awareness Panel</b> City of Waltham	5/11/17	Government Center Auditorium 119 School St Waltham, MA	Time: 6:30-8:30pm; family members, caregivers and experts. Natick VSO Paul Carew, 508-647-6545; Waltham VSO Mike Russo, 781-314-3416
<b>PATHWAYS OF PATRIOTS: Our Patriots Amongst Us Speaker Event</b>	5/11/17	Wenham Museum 132 Main St Wenham, MA	Stories from 8 WWII, Vietnam, Iraq/ Afghan Vets. \$10. Funds raised will be donated to the Mass Military Heroes Fund. <a href="http://www.wenhammuseum.org">www.wenhammuseum.org</a>
<b>Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative</b>	5/11/17	Brighton Marine Hawes Bldg 77 Warren St, Brighton	2-5pm with a “Vet Together” following nearby. Meet, network, learn and serve with regional agencies and fellow Veterans. POC: David Wu, (617) 635-2257; <a href="mailto:david.wu@boston.gov">david.wu@boston.gov</a>
<b>“Thanks to Yanks” Comedy Night Fundraiser</b> Proceeds to flags for Vets & the “SFC Jared Monti Foundation”	5/12/17	Sciolì’s Pizza Bar 146 South Main St Milford, MA	Open at 6, show at 7;featuring the Steve Charrette and Jim Bishop. \$20 ea reserve tickets email: <a href="mailto:info@thankstoyanks.org">info@thankstoyanks.org</a>
<b>MILITARY VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS IN TECH Monthly Meet up</b>	5/13/17	TechSandBox, 105B South Street, Hopkinton, MA	8:30-11:30 am; Topic: Start-up Company Funding: The World of VC and Angel Investors Hear directly from practicing investors -Learn the basics of how this works, structure of deals, etc, Contact Barry at <a href="mailto:VET@techsandbox.org">VET@techsandbox.org</a> or call 508-308-1113
<b>Civil War Commemoration Camp Meigs</b>	5/13/17	Camp Meigs Park 19 Stanbro Street Boston, MA	Civil War encampment and living history display. Commemoration of Massachusetts’ largest Civil War training center. POC: Joe Zellner, <a href="mailto:54thmass@comcast.net">54thmass@comcast.net</a>
<b>White Water Rafting On The Concord River – Lowell</b> Host: The Mission Continues, 1 <sup>st</sup> Service Platoon, Lowell	5/13/17	Umass Lowell Inn & Conference Center 50 Warren St Lowell, MA	12:30-4pm; for beginners to experts down mellow floats to Class IV thrillers with highly trained guides. Register <a href="#">here</a> or contact Stephanie at <a href="mailto:sriddle@missioncontinues.org">sriddle@missioncontinues.org</a>

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<b>South Shore Career Center Job Fair</b>	5/18/17	Lombardo's in Randolph 6 Billings St Randolph, MA	Time: 1-4pm; Opportunity to engage with 70-80 employers . For more information contact the Quincy Career Center Veterans Service Representative, Brian Schilling at 617-745-4060 or by email: bschilling@ppcc.org
<b>Veterans Health and Services Fair</b> Harvard Street Vet Center	5/18/17	Vet Center 895 Blue Hill Ave Boston, MA	10am-1pm; for Veterans and their families Please join us in our newly renovated space, to learn about the healthcare and other services we bring to your local community. Free giveaways! Free consultations! Free Lunch! Contact Ducan Fanfan, 857-309-7400
<b>Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) Coffee Social</b>	5/19/17	JFK Federal Bldg. 15 New Sudbury St. Boston MA. Room E-315, Low Rise	8:30-10am; Come for coffee and pastries and to meet Mike Colman, the Regional Administrator and the VETS staff. Join us to ensure all veterans and separating service members find meaningful careers. Contact Nuno Medeiros, Dep Reginal Administrator at 617 565-2080
<b>Project New Hope Women Veterans Retreat</b> <a href="https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/">https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/</a>	5/19-21/17	Enders Island 1 Enders Island Mystic, CT	Lodging and food free. Guest speaker Miyoko Hikiji. Mutual support, targeted services and the camaraderie of friends. Veterans from all eras from across the United States are welcome.
<b>African-American Military History Day</b>	5/20/17	Edward O. Gourdin Park 2413 Washington St. Boston, MA	Civil War encampment by Co A/54 <sup>th</sup> Mass, displays, parade and ceremony honoring Judge/Gen Gourdin at 1pm. POC: Joe Zellner, 54thmass@comcast.net
<b>"They Fought – We Ride!" Wounded Vet Bike Run Motorcycle Ride and Concert</b>	5/21/17	Endpoint: Suffolk Downs 550 McClellan Hwy E. Boston, MA	Fundraiser to support 5 of NE's most severely wounded Warriors; Start: 12pm, Endpoint events at 2pm, food, music, vendors, <a href="http://www.TheyFoughtWeRide.com">www.TheyFoughtWeRide.com</a> , Call Andrew: 903-340-9402
<b>Boston Hiring Expo with the Boston Red Sox</b>	5/23/17	Fenway Park 20 Yawkey Way Boston, MA	Time: 9:30-11 –Employment workshop, 11-2pm Hiring Fair, 7:10pm Red Sox game (2 tickets for each pre-registered Vet). Register at <a href="https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/boston-hiring-expo">https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/boston-hiring-expo</a>
<b>Project New Hope Traumatic Brain Injury Support Retreat</b>	5/19-21/17	Grotonwood Camp and Conference Center 167 Prescott St, Groton, MA 01450	Mutual support, targeted services and the camaraderie of friends. Veterans from all eras from across the United States are welcome. <a href="https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/">https://www.projectnewhopema.org/retreats/</a>
<b>Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Re-Dedication</b>	5/27/17	Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial 85 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02210	10 AM; Gold Star Family members, elected officials, and the general public are invited to an intimate re-dedication. This is a free event and open to the public. Standing room only.

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<b>13th Annual 'Troops in the Spotlight' Celebration</b>  <a href="http://capecod4thetroops.com/">http://capecod4thetroops.com/</a>	5/28-29/17	K-Mart Plaza Hyannis, MA	24-hour event honoring our military and support for troops, veterans, wounded warriors and Fallen Heroes! Fun, food, music and activities for all. Opportunities to volunteer. Take the Cape Cod Flyer FREE from Boston to this event via Veterans Voice.
<b>379<sup>th</sup> "June Day" Military Parade and Drumhead Elections</b>  Boston "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company 1638"	6/5/17	AHAC Armory, Top Floor Faneuil Hall and Boston Common	12:30 PM Parade forms on North and Congress Streets, "Drumhead Election Day Sermon", parade of multiple historic units to Boston Common. Governor presents new commissions, cannon salutes etc.
<b>Women Veterans Network Conference 2017</b>	6/10/17	Double Tree Hotel 99 Erdman Way Leominster, MA	9am-3:30pm, opportunity for the women veterans to come together and enjoy wonderful speakers and workshops and camaraderie. RSVP at <a href="https://9thannualwvnconference.eventbrite.com">https://9thannualwvnconference.eventbrite.com</a> .
<b>Central Mass 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Down for Veterans</b> Veterans Inc and VA CWMA	6/16/17	Veterans Inc. 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA	9am-4pm; Open to homeless and in-need veterans & their families. FREE clothing, food, haircuts, care items, services and program. Bring DD-214 or VA card as proof of veterans status. Call (800) 482-2565 or email <a href="mailto:standdown@veteransinc.org">standdown@veteransinc.org</a>
<b>Mass Veteran Service Officers Association Summer Conference</b>	6/19-21/17	Cape Point Inn 476 Route 28 W. Yarmouth, MA	Four days of training, networking and updates for the members of the Mass VSO Association.
<b>Joiner Institute Veterans Writers' Workshop Festival</b>  <a href="http://www.umb.edu/joinerinstitute">www.umb.edu/joinerinstitute</a>	6/26-30/17	UMASS Boston	Study with award winning poets and writers. Writers with diverse interests and backgrounds are encouraged. \$300 for one week workshop, \$150 for post-9/11 veterans POC: <a href="mailto:mitch.manning@umb.edu">mitch.manning@umb.edu</a> or 617-287-5863
<b>Joiner Institute Writers' Workshop Poetry and Music Celebration</b>	6/27/17	Boston Public Library Rabb Hall 700 Boylston St. Boston, MA	Time: 6-8pm; Free and open to the public. Poetry by Yusef Komunyakaa and more. Music by Iraqi musician Layth Sidiq, the UMB Jazz Trio, and more.
<b>OPERATION SHOWER - BOSTON BABY SHOWER</b>	6/29/17	EMC Club 1 Yawkey Way Fenway Park Boston, MA	due dates on/after March 29, 2017 whose spouse or partner is deployed/deploying (or other official duty separation) at some point during their pregnancies or was injured or disabled (PTSD etc) during deployment. Contact <a href="mailto:ginger@operationsshower.org">ginger@operationsshower.org</a>
<b>Battle of Ft Wagner Commemoration</b>  National Park Service, City of Boston and 54 <sup>th</sup> Mass Vol Regt	7/18/17	54 <sup>th</sup> Regt Monument 24 Beacon Street Boston, MA	Time: 1pm, Commemorating the historic July, 1863 attack by the state's 54 <sup>th</sup> Regt on Confederate fortifications near Charleston, SC. POC: POC: Joe Zellner, <a href="mailto:54thmass@comcast.net">54thmass@comcast.net</a>