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COL (R) Bob Notch, USA

Brighton Marine Renews Its Veteran Care Mission - Supporting veterans has always been the mission of Brighton Marine Health Center. Their latest initiatives intend to reinvigorating that mission. Brighton Marine is preparing to break ground on an exciting new facility within the city of Boston; 100 units of affordable housing along Commonwealth Avenue in Brighton, with a preference for veterans and their families. Apartments will range from studio to 3 bedroom with nearly 80% planned to rent below market value. Brighton Marine is also looking for partners who support veterans and their families to fill adjacent office and training space. They see the campus as a hub of support (health services, training & education, job assistance, etc.) for the concentration of veterans residing there as well as those in living the greater Boston area. The Health Center is located near Brighton High School and St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston. Part of the Marine Hospital Service established in the early 1800s for the care of American mariners, it moved from Boston Harbor, to Charlestown to Chelsea, before its final stop in Brighton in 1940. Bob Notch is the Program Development Officer for Brighton Marine. After graduating from West Point, Bob served as an Army aviator and retired as a Colonel with 27 years of active duty service in both the active Army and the Army Reserve at posts around the world and in the Pentagon. He can be reached by email at BobNotch@Brighton-Marine.org or by phone at 617-208-6225.



NEW VA ACCESS & QUALITY WEBSITE - V A launched a new **Access and Quality Tool** that provides Veterans with an easy-to-use, easy -to-understand way of **accessing patient wait time** and quality of care data. "Veterans must have access to information that is clear and understandable to make informed decisions about their health care," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David J. Shulkin. The tool allows Veterans to access the average times patients are waiting to be seen in their local area; how Veterans describe their experiences scheduling primary-and specialty-care appointments at specific VA facilities; timeliness of appointments for care needed right away; and the quality of health care delivered at VA medical centers compared with local private-sector hospitals. The Access and Quality Tool can be found at www.accesstocare.va.gov.



**Project
New
Hope INC.**

Where Veterans
Rebuild With Honor

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for New Offices for Project New Hope, Inc. - Holyoke

On Tuesday June 27th, Project New Hope, Inc. held a Grand Opening at their new location on 476 Appleton Street, Suite 3, in Holyoke, MA. Project New Hope, Inc. believes in the healing power of mutual support, targeted services and the camaraderie of

friends. All Veterans of all eras from across the United States are welcome to attend their numerous free therapeutic retreats for Veterans, Service members and their friends and family. The guest speaker was Major General Gary W. Keefe, the Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard.

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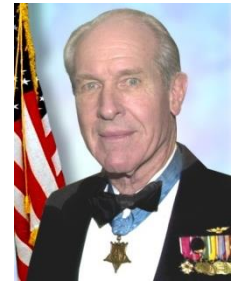


Hold Me Tight Workshop for Couples: Two New Groups Starting at the Lowell Vet Center!). 10 George Street Lowell, MA 01852

Starting: **July 14, 2017, Fridays 9:30a-11:30a**, weekly for 8 sessions. Designed around 7 conversations based on the **Hold Me Tight** book, all of which have been shown to be essential to successful relationships. Opportunity to learn how to understand and improve your relationship. It is a 16-hour **educational program** based on the theory and practice of Emotion-ally Focused Therapy for Couples (EFT) How to Join or Questions: **Call the Lowell Vet Center at (978) 453-1151** and ask for any group facilitator Catherine Pfuntner. Logistics: This is a couples (dating, engaged, cohabitating, married) workshop. Must be eligible for Vet Center services, (combat-theatre deployment, MST, or family members whose loved one died while on active duty). —All assessments (couples & the Veteran's individual intake) must be completed prior to the start of the workshop. This typically includes two 2-hr sessions. Partner must be available for the couples assessment.



Christening of Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) – Named for Massachusetts' own Medal of Honor recipient and former Secretary of Veterans Services, Captain Tom Hudner, USN (retired). The christening ceremony of **USS Thomas Hudner**, an Arleigh Burke class Aegis destroyer took place at the shipyard, located in Bath, Maine, on Saturday, April 1, 2017 and was attended by CAPT Hudner, his friends, family and guests.



CAPT Hudner, USN (Ret)

New Veterans Center Brings Services Close to Home



The Harvard Street "Veterans Center " located on 895 Blue Hill Ave has been well received since its opening several months ago. Several Veteran support agencies joined them at an Open House on May 18th. The services and programs the Veterans Center offers include:

- Drop in Tech Help and Creative Art Workshops
 - Monthly Social Events
 - City, State, and Federal sponsored veteran related benefits
 - Assistance in navigating health insurance coverage
- Behavioral health treatment and Primary care treatment
 - Enrollment in programs for pediatric, dental and other medical services
 - Opportunities to meet with other Veteran and Community organizations
- For more information contact Ducan, Office Coordinator; (857)309-7400, ducan.fanfan@harvardstreet.org

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Annual African-American Military Heritage Day Celebrated at General Gourdin Park – May 20th was a perfectly bright spring day to celebrate the sacrifice of black warriors for the preservation of American liberties. The annual celebration has taken place for over a decade now and highlights the service of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, the 272nd Field Artillery (MA Army Guard) among others. The park is named in honor of William O. Gourdin, an early African-American Harvard graduate, Olympic athlete, MA Superior Court justice and Brigadier General. Shown at right are members of the 54th Regiment, Mary Tuitt, Carter American Legion Post, and Marlyne Ebanks, VA Boston Healthcare.

- **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.



Using Your VA Home Loan - While 44 percent of all Veterans use at least one VA benefit, Loan Refinancing. His local VA benefits office rep guided Harold, a Marine Corps through the process of obtaining a VA home loan. “I had somebody explain to me exactly how everything worked,” said Harold. “It was very quick, very easy – painless.” VA’s home loan program offers Veterans different refinancing options:

- Cash-Out Refinance Loans – Veterans can take advantage of their home’s equity to take cash out through refinancing, or refinance a non-VA loan into a VA-guaranteed loan.
- Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loans – Veterans may be able to lower their monthly mortgage payment by obtaining a lower-interest loan.

Discover more about VA’s home loans and housing-related assistance [here](#).

- **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.



VETERANS FOOD BANK – NEWTON The American Legion Post 440 who will begin partnering on a monthly basis with the Mobile Market and with The Greater Boston Food Bank beginning Friday, July 21st. Each market will have an assortment of non-perishable & perishable items. A typical distribution

might include pasta, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cheese, soup, apples, onions, carrots, potatoes, milk, bananas, cereal. The distribution will vary each month but there is an effort to include pantry staples. Contact VSO Seth Bai at (617) 796-1092, E-Mail: sbai@newtonma.gov

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VA Boston Healthcare Now Offers Free Valet Parking!



Hospital valets alleviate the stressful, sometimes painful, task of hospital parking. A valet service staffed with well-trained, warm attendants ensures a great, initial experience by pleasantly greeting patients and guests and assisting them with information. After an appointment, valets make it easy, safe and pleasant for patients and guests to head on their way. This is just another way VA Boston is offering patient centered care to our Veterans and their families. Thank you for your patience while we initiate this valuable new service to our Veterans. This service is being provided in partnership with VetPride Services and will be available 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday-Friday

All Veterans Now Authorized to Shop Exchange Services On-Line



The Department of Defense announced a policy change that will extend limited online shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. **The veterans online shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, Nov. 11.** While shopping privileges exclude the purchase of uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products, it includes the Exchange Services' dynamic online retail environment known so well to service members and their families. This policy change follows careful analysis, coordination and strong public support. "We are excited to provide these benefits to honorably discharged veterans to recognize their service and welcome them home to their military family," said Peter Levine, performing the duties for the under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Exchange websites include, www.mymcs.com; and www.mynavyexchange.com
www.shopcgx.com, and www.shopmyexchange.com



New White House Veterans Complaint Access Line Launched June 1st

"I Called The New White House Veterans' Complaint Line. Here's How It Went" (from "Task and Purpose")

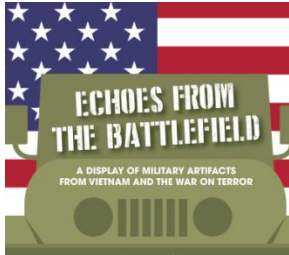
Yesterday, in his first "state of the VA" address, Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin promised reporters that the White House's planned veterans' complaint hotline would be up and running June 1. Indeed, the number — 855-948-2311 — went live this morning, and as a journalist and Marine veteran, I figured I'd give it a ring. I didn't have any specific complaints to lodge — beyond the usual vet gripes — but was curious who might lurk on the other end of that line, what questions and concerns they might face, and how they'd prepared for the coming onslaught. [Read the rest of the story](#)

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Echoes from the Battlefield – Vietnam and War On Terror Military Artifact Display: Free Admission at the Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street, Haverhill, MA. Open Tuesday – Saturdays, 10am-4pm. Free admission. Includes battlefield relics from the VA Vet Center's Rich Barbato, and 82nd Airborne Division combat Veteran.

"A Boatload of Fun!" Kingman Yacht Center & the Kingman Yacht Club invite Military Families to join in this special free family appreciation event open to all service branches, **Thursday July 20**, At Bourne, MA, 9am-2pm. Includes: Morning boat cruise and BBQ lunch after a cruise on Buzzard's Bay. Contact email Mr. Dave Foynes at senyof@comcast.net



Adaptive Weekend for Military Families

August 4 - 6, 2017



A special weekend at the Outdoor Adaptive Education Center in Carrabasset Valley, Maine, for military/Veteran families with disabled children. A great opportunity for families to enjoy a full service recreation facility for the weekend to include fishing, biking, organized activities, free pizza night and snacks. Lodging provided in hostel style lodge or a 30' Yurt. For more info contact Info@thankstoyanks.org.

2nd Annual Vets Off-Grid camping weekend will take place on **August 25-27** at Pillsbury State Park in Washington, NH. Only a two hour drive from Boston, this remote and rustic campground offers a great opportunity to kick back and unwind with friends new and old. The event will feature yoga by the water, hiking, kayaking/canoeing, a group BBQ, cornhole tournaments, and more. Attendees set their own schedules and participate in as many or as few of the activities as they'd like. visit www.vetsoffgrid.com for more information or to register.



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. Contact Andrew Meuse – 978-729-3967, andrew.meuse@vgagolf.org

Calendar POC: david.hencke@va.gov; 857-364-5934, VA Boston Veterans Outreach Task Force

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EDUCATION, CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT

- **Learn a Foreign Language!** From **Veterans Upward Bound** at UMASS Boston - with 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 to request credentials to use Transparent Language.
- **VA Bedford Seeks Vets Recently Released From Incarceration** - The purpose of the Post-Incarceration Engagement (PIE) project is to further support Veterans post-incarceration through the use of trained peers with lived experience of being a Veteran with a history of incarceration or other criminal justice involvement. Peer specialists will be hired as full-time employees of the Bedford VA Medical Center for one year initially. Email resume to Beth Ann Petrakis at BethAnn.Petrakis@va.gov or call (781) 687-2975.
- **Veterans Staffing Network** - Internal Audit Manager – Cambridge, MA: Seeking a US Military Veteran, National Guardsman, Reservist and/or Military Spouse to work as an Internal Audit Manager. Use your solid business acumen to review complex processes and to identify potential risks and opportunities for a market leader in high-growth and cutting-edge technology. Requires BS/BA in Accounting or Finance, or related field CPA or CIA credentials with 8 years internal/external audit experience, or similar testing and/or improving processes/controls. Email resume to VetJobs@eseal.org or visit the Job Board at VSNusa.org
- **United Way of Plymouth County** - Director of Resource Development - Maximum flexibility in work week schedule required, evening or weekends as needed. Full time, \$50-\$60k per year. Actively oversee all Resource Development activity of the organization including annual fundraising campaign, major and planned gifts, and special event fundraisers. Cultivate corporate and individual relationships, organizes and maximizes workplace campaigns . Go to <https://careers.unitedway.org/node/14822/apply>.
- **Falmouth Military Support Group Scholarship 2017 –**
WHO: OIF/OEF Veterans of Cape Cod WHAT: \$500 and \$1,000
WHEN: Applications accepted through **31 JUL 2017**
WHERE: Online www.FMSGrp.org or by email
- **FourBlock: Veteran Career Readiness** program will begin its fall cohort on Wed, September 13th. 10 week class meets once a week for two hours and introduces veterans to big name companies in the area that appreciate the value of veteran talent in their organization. Classes help veterans with everything from their LinkedIn profiles and resumes to conducting job market analysis and triangulating career transition starting points. Taught by veterans, helps students build the professional network necessary to find work and grow in their careers. Those interested in joining the fall cohort should visit www.fourblock.org/register.
- **Women’s Holistic Healing Group - Starting Tuesday July 11th - 10:00 am- 11:00 am**
 - Mindfulness techniques• Meditation• Aroma therapy & Yoga?Brockton Campus, basement of building 4, room A-001, right outside of the elevator and stairs.
This group is designed for female Veterans only. Offered by The Center for Integrated Wellness
Feel free to send questions, or referrals to Andrea Barbosa at
Andrea.barbosa@va.gov or Aimee Rosner at Aimee.rosner@va.gov

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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.

- ❖ **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 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 or at VA Boston Mental Health 774- 826-1242

- ❖ **Monthly New England Vets Gathering** - 6-9pm every 3rd 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

- ❖ **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 or call 508-548-0329
- ❖ **VBA Claims Assistance at Chelsea Soldiers Home** - meet with a MA DVS claims specialist, 2nd 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, 1st 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, 5th Floor, Room A-504
 - **Jamaica Plain VA Campus** – every Thursday, 9am-3pm, 3rd Floor, C Wing, Room 34
 - POC: Delray Dorsey, 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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Battle of Ft Wagner Commemoration National Park Service, City of Boston and 54 th Mass Vol Regt	7/18/17	54 th Regt Monument 24 Beacon Street Boston, MA	Time: 1pm, Commemorating the historic July, 1863 attack by the state's 54 th Regt on Confederate fortifications near Charleston, SC. POC: Joe Zellner, 54thmass@comcast.net
Hiring Our Heroes New England Multi-State Military & Veterans Job Fair US Chamber of Commerce; US DOL	7/19/17	Great Bay Community College 320 Corporate Dr Portsmouth, NH	Time: 10am-2pm; See over 150 regional employers and connect with career services from CT, NH, MA, RI, VT and ME Contact Cara at Clustig@uschamber.com
Coping With Stress as a Military Couple Seminar Military One Source	7/19/17	On – Line Webinar	In this video discussion we will explore ways that people cope with stress and how that impacts relationships. https://militaryonesource.zoom.us/webinar/register/3882628f26976f55d746f627e8486654
Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative	7/20/17	Community Rowing 20 Nonantum Rd, Brighton, MA Ph: (617) 779-8267	2-5pm: have fun while learning more about local organizations supporting community and volunteering among veterans! Join us for a "Vet Together" afterwards. Click HERE to register.
Suicide Prevention and Awareness in the Military Hosted by Military Moms Against Suicide in the Service	7/22/17	Most Blessed Sacramento Church 1155 Main Street	1-4pm; panel discussion of subject matter experts regarding this devastating topic. \$10 donation with all funds donated to Iraq/Afghan Vets of America
8th Annual "Nick's Ride for the Fallen"	7/23/17	Barnstable County Sherriff's Complex	Gates open at 7:30. In honor of Cape Cod Veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. \$20 per rider. www.ngxride.com
Framingham VA Clinic Open House & Veterans Town Hall VA Boston Healthcare	7/27/17	VA Framingham 61 Lincoln Street Framingham, MA	Time: 3-7pm; Meet VA caregivers, VA disability claims, healthcare services, free Hep C testing, hearing tests, food and more. David.Hencke@va.gov ; 617-275-6101
MA National Guard Yellow Ribbon Event	7/30/17	Location TBD South Shore	Pre-Mobilization event for Aviation Battalion

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Veterans Upward Bound Open House	8/10/17	Veterans Upward Bound Suffolk University 73 Tremont St. Boston, MA	Learn about great Vet education opportunities at Suffolk U. Two times - 10-12 or 5-7pm. Contact Bill Ferguson wferguson@suffolk.edu phone: 617-725-4101
Metro-West Regional Veterans Council Meeting	8/15/17	One – Stop Career Center 1671 Worcester Rd Framingham, MA	9am- 12:30; Networking, training, fellowship, and service opportunities for area Veteran Service Officers, agencies and interested Vets. dbradshaw@etrcc.com , 508-766-5732
Greater Boston Veterans Job Fair Host: Recruit Military and DAV	8/17/17	One Patriot Place Gillette Stadium Foxboro, MA	11am-3pm; New England's largest military related job and career fair. POC: Rob Arndt, 617-841-8000 rarndt@recruitmilitary.com
North Shore Veterans Collaborative Topic: Suicide Prevention	8/17/17	N Shore Com College 1 Ferncroft Road Danvers , MA (RM 106B, Math Building)	9am- 12:30; Networking, training, fellowship, and service opportunities for area Veteran Service Officers, agencies and interested Vets. Ph: (978) 238-9898 Ed@NorthShoreVets.org
"B.R.A.V.E. for Veterans" "SUMMER SCRAMBLE" Golf Tournament	8/18/17	Nahant Golf Club One Willow Road Nahant, MA	11:15 start. All proceeds to benefit VA Boston "Fisher House" lodge. Fellowship in support of wounded Veterans. Winner's pot includes greens fees, cart, and catered banquet dinner. POC: Leroy Ashwood, (877) 570.3320, Leroy.Ashwood@BRAVE4Veterans.org
"Vet Together!" Middleboro	8/24/17	Boston Tavern 58 East Grove St Middleborough, MA	6-9pm; Meet fellow veterans, local colleges, veterans organizations and learn about agency services and educational benefits. jcox@middleborough.com ; (508) 946-2407
2nd Annual "Vets Off Grid!" Camping Weekend Northeastern Univ Vet Programs	8/25 – 8/27		hiking, kayaking/canoeing, a group BBQ, cornhole tournaments, and more. Attendees set their own schedules and participate in as many or as few of the activities as they'd like. visit www.vetsoffgrid.com

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Bi-Lingual Veterans Outreach Centers of MA 30 th Anniversary Dinner	8/25/17	The Log Cabin 500 Easthampton Rd Holyoke, MA	Celebrating 30 years of service to the Hispanic community and Veterans of all ethnicities. \$65 per ticket/\$650 table. See Gumersindo Gomez sgtgomez@aol.com 413-731-0194
Project New Hope Caregivers Retreat Weekend	8/27-9/1	Oceanwood Camp and Conf Center 17 Royal Street Ocean Park, ME	A free weekend for those who have taken on the incredible responsibility of caring for a wounded veteran or service member
Annual Boston Veterans Stand Down NE Center & Home for Veterans and VA Boston Healthcare	9/8/17	City Hall Plaza Boston, MA	8am-2pm; Food, fun, music, fellowship and an array of services for homeless and at-risk Veterans. See Katie Paquin,
Thanks To Yanks 11 th Annual "9/11 Tribute Dinner"	9/11/17	Double Tree Hotel 11 Beaver Street Milford, MA	6-8pm; To honor all present and past service members and families with a special tribute dinner and commemorate the events of 9/11. Please register before Aug 31 st at www.thankstoyanks.org
12th Annual New England Blues Festival	9/24/17	Middleboro Lodge of Elks #1274 24 High Street Middleboro, MA	Time: 12-6; live music and blues event held to promote blues music in Southern New England and to benefit worthy area community groups including Cell Phones for Soldiers. \$10 admission, children 12 and under free.