

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States

CONVENTION FUND CHICKEN BAKE

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Grounds open at 12:00 Noon Serving at 1:00 p.m.

Townsend Post #6538 VFW
491 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts

1/2 Barbecue Chicken

BAKED POTATO w/SOURED CREAM CORN ON THE COB
ROLL & BUTTER DESSERT

Tickets \$14.00 per person

Join us for a fun afternoon. Bring your family and friends and support our first project of the new year. Deadline for ordering tickets is July 5, 2015.

GIFT TABLE CASH BAR ASSORTED RAFFLES

BARBARA MARTIN, PDP

Chairman

JERI RUMSIS, PDP

Co-Chairman

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ tickets @ \$14.00 each for the Convention Fund Chicken Bake on July 12, 2015. Make check payable to Dept. of Mass. Ladies Aux. VFW and mail to Betty Rosa, Dept. Sec.-Treas., 93 Church Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719-3073, ***before July 5, 2015.***

Name_____ Dist. No._____

Address_____ Post/Aux. No. _____

VET NET BOSTON

Events & Networking Calendar

MAY 2015

EVENT TITLE & HOST	DATE	LOCATION	NOTES
North Shore Spring Veterans & Community Job and Resource Fair NSCC, Salem State College, NS Career Centers	5/5/15	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: Al Yee, Ph: 978-825-7207 alyee@nscareers.org
Newton Vets Night City of Newton Vet Services	5/5/15	Veterans Service Center 345 Walnut Street Newton MA	Time: 5:30-7:30, Food and fellowship. Guest: Dan Shaughnessy, famed sports writer from the Boston Globe POC: agoldman@newtonma.gov
Metro West Regional Vets Council Framingham Career Center	5/6/15	Employment & Training Resources 1671 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA	Time: 9:30am to 12 pm; Networking meeting open to all support agencies to support area Vets. POC: Lee-Ann Johnson, Manager, (508) 766-5700
Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative Council Meeting City of Boston Vet Services	5/7/15	Suffolk University Law School 150 Tremont St Boston, MA	Time: 10am; collaboration and networking of local support agencies and interested Veterans giselle.sterling@boston.gov; 617.635.3529
Boston "Vet Together" Greater Boston Vets Collaborative	5/7/15	Anthem Bar and Grill Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 101 S Market St, Boston, MA	Come hang out with fellow veterans and friends! Learn about Team Rubicon, The Mission Continues, IAVA and the Wounded Warrior Project as others in Boston.
"Learn to Row!" - Military & Veterans Row Military Rowing Team Community Rowing, Inc.	5/9/15	Community Rowing Boathouse 20 Nonantum Road Brighton, MA	Time: 1-4pm; Free - Focus on starting rowing team at Joint Base Cape Cod. POC: Marizia Lopez, 781-325-5046 marizia@communityrowing.org
Wounded Vet Run Motorcycle Ride and Concert	5/9/15	Endpoint: Suffolk Downs 550 McClellan Hwy E. Boston, MA	Fundraiser to support 4 of NE's most severely wounded Warriors; Start: 10am, "New" Boston Harley Davidson, Revere; Endpoint events at 2pm, food, music, vendors, www.TheyFoughtWe Ride.com
Seminar: Caring for Veterans Experiencing the Impact of Serious Illness	5/11/15	Plymouth Senior Center 44 Nook Road Plymouth, MA 02360	Time: 9:30-11:30 Seminar for family and Vets diagnosed with a serious illness. Find out about the wide range of services available. POC: email Info@HopeHealthCo.org or call (774) 487-3667
Norfolk County Regional Veterans Council Meeting	5/13/15	Norwood Career Center 275 Prospect St #24, Norwood, MA 02062 Phone:(781) 769-4120	Time: 9am-1pm; quarterly networking and training for town VSOs, Vet support agencies and all interested parties; lunch provided. POC: Dale Kurz, dkurtz@norfolkcounty.org or call (781) 234-3434
"Budget Buddies' Financial Planning Seminar May 13 & May 27 Budget Buddies (non-profit) Lowell	5/13/15	Lowell VA Community Outpatient Clinic 130 Marshall Road Lowell, MA	Time: 6:30 pm; helping women Veterans widows, and wives of Veterans transform their lives by learning core money management skills. Call: 978-703-0820

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Salute to Vietnam Veterans Dinner City of Newton Veterans Services Sons of the American Legion	5/15/15	Am Legion Post 440 295 California Street Newton, MA 02458	Time: Commemorates the 40th anniversary of the end of the war and thanks those who so valiantly served. POC: Nick Pasquarosa NAUTNICK@AOL.COM, 617-908-1560
Great New England Air Show The Galaxy Community Council	5/16/15	Westover Air Force Reserve Base 570 Patriot Avenue Westover ARB, MA	May 16-17; Gates open at 8:30AM. Official show start time is 10:00am. ADMISSION IS FREE. On base parking is free. POC: Public Affairs at 413-557-2020
Annual Women's Military & Veterans Row Military Rowing Team Community Rowing, Inc.	5/16/15	Community Rowing Boathouse 20 Nonantum Road Brighton, MA	Time: TBC; Networking and fellowship day for Women Vets with an interest in learning about group and individual rowing . POC: Marizia Lopez, 781-325-5046 marizia@communityrowing.org
Honor Flight New England Free Trip for WWII Vets to DC	5/17/15	5AM - MA State Police Barracks & Return Welcome: Logan Airport	Depart: Arrive Logan Airport circa 6:25am. Return: SW Charter # 8243 at 10:25pm. POC: honorflightnewengland@gmail.com
Memorial Day Flag Garden Volunteer Planting Mass Military Heroes Fund	5/20/15	Flagstaff Hill Boston Common	37,000 flags to represent every Mass service member who gave his or her life since the Revolutionary War. Register at www.massmilitaryheroes.org/support/76/
OPERATION FLAGS FOR VETS SFC Jared C. Monti (MOH) Charitable Foundation	5/23/15	Bourne Natl Cemetary Connery Ave Bourne, MA (508) 563-7113	10am opening ; placing 58,000 flags on the graves Bourne Ntl Cemetary. Removal-May 31 st , 10am; POC: Paul Monti MONTIPAULT@aol.com
Honor & Tribute Boston Salutes Our Veterans City of Boston Veterans Services	5/25/15	Boston Common Parkman Bandstand	Time: 5pm-8pm; a patriotic musical celebration featuring Boston Woodwind Symphony, Children's Chorus, Military Color Guards etc;
Veterans Mobile Market (Food Bank) VABHS, GBFB, Red Cross, Catholic Charities	6/6/15	VA Brockton Campus 940 Belmont Street Bldg 22 Brockton, MA 02301	Time: 9-10:30am; free food stuffs distribution for any Vet or immediate family member. POC: Rick Leeman, Chief, Vol Services or D. Hencke, 617-275-6101
2nd Annual LGBT Family Weekend Retreat Project New Hope	6/12/15	Grotonwood Camp and Conference Center 167 Prescott St. Groton, MA 01450	Weekend of June 12th – 14 th ; relax, have fun and reconnect with your family and other veterans; (774) 243-7859
7th Annual Womens Veterans Network Conference Mass DVS, VA, etc	6/13/15	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Rd Marlborough MA 01752	Time: 7:30-3:30pm; Workshops Include: Writing ,Nutrition, State/Federal Benefits, Beauty, Skin, Makeup, Finance, Education, Aging Gracefully, Travel & Adventure. POC: Viviana Marcotte, vmarcotte@massmail.state.ma.us 617.210.5958

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JUNE

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JUNE	Veterans March Boston Pride Parade 2015 VA New England	6/13/15	City of Boston	Time: TBA; VA Staff and Veteran Volunteers share support for LGBTQ Veterans in the NE community.
	Veterans, Inc. 10th Annual Stand Down	6/18/15	Veterans, Inc. 69 Grove Street Worcester, MA	Times: 18-19 June; Thurs: 11am-7pm; Fri: 9am-3pm; Open to homeless and in-need Veterans & their families; housing, legal, counseling & substance abuse referrals, health & wellness; 800-482-2565; standown@veteransinc.org
	Veterans Appreciation Fishing Tournament Hosts: NE Charter Boat Assn; Project New Hope	6/20/15	Winthrop Yacht Club 649 Shirley St, Winthrop, MA 02152	Times: Fishing tournament, 8-1pm and BBQ, 1-3pm. Boats, gear, time volunteered by local captains; Register at: www.projectnewhopema.org
JULY	Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and Museum Gloucester United Vets Council and the City of Gloucester	7/9/15	Fuller School 4 Schoolhouse Road off Rt 128, Blackburn Cir Gloucester, MA	Dates: July 9-12; 10am-5pm daily
	Summer Sports Clinic Host: VA New England Adaptive Sports	7/20/15	Providence, RI	20-24 July; A 4 day rehab clinic open to all Vets with spinal cord injuries, amputation, visual, neurological and other disabilities. Kayaking, cycling, water skiing, sailing, fishing. POC: Jenny.mclaughlin@va.gov
	Run to Home Base New Balance and The Home Base Program	7/25/15	Fenway Park Boston, MA	Time: 6am-1pm; honors veterans and raises much needed funds for the Red Sox Foundation and Mass Gen Hospital Home Base Program. www.runtohomebase.org/run
	Mass Vets Music Fest 2015! Brockton Veterans Voice/Mustard Seed Productions	7/26/15	Brockton Rox Stadium Brockton, MA	Time: 1-6pm; free music, food, vendors, kids zone, and classic car show. POC: Gregg Brasso, greggbrasso@aol.com
	Mass Vets Music Fest 2015! Beverly Veterans Voice/Mustard Seed Productions	8/1/15	Lynch Park 55 Ober St. Beverly, MA 01915	Time: 11-4pm; free music, food, vendors, kids zone, and classic car show. POC: Gregg Brasso, greggbrasso@aol.com
August	Mass Vets Music Fest 2015! Battleship Cove Veterans Voice/Mustard Seed Productions	8/13/15	Battleship Cove Fall River, MA	Time: 1-6pm; free music, food, vendors, kids zone, and classic car show. POC: Gregg Brasso, greggbrasso@aol.com
	Boston Stand Down 2015 NE Center for Homeless Vets & VA Boston Healthcare	8/28/15	TBC	One day only: resources and services for homeless and at risk Vets; housing, legal support, clothing, medical care etc.POC: Gloria-Ann, VA Boston, 857-364-2717

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ON-GOING OPERATIONS

- ★ **"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.
 - ★ **Veterans Coffee Socials (host: VA Community Recovery Connections Team)**
 - Tuesday mornings at 117 Franklin St. in Lynn from 0800-0930 (**Veterans Resource Center**)
 - Thursday mornings in the canteen at the Bedford VA from 0730-0900 (**Cafeteria**)
 - Thursday evening at Santoro's Restaurant , 194 Gorham St. Lowell from 400-600 (**Pizza Place**)
 - Friday mornings at 12 Emerson Ave. in Gloucester from 0730-0900. (**VSO's Office**)
 - Monday mornings at Mass Bay Veterans Center located at 2 North St. Somerville 7:30-9:00
- *See Tony Russo, VA Bedford, 781-687-3322

DOWN RANGE OPS

- 26th Yankee Division Memorial Ceremony - 5/2/15, 10AM, Bldg 2, HQs, Camp Edwards
- Gov Baker to Proclaim May as Blue Star Mothers of Mass Month – 5/5/15, Statehouse, Boston
- Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Symposium, 5/15/15, Newton Marriott, 7:30am-1:00pm
- "60+ Veterans Group" – Annual Luncheon & Fund Raiser, 6/13/15, Elk's Lodge #10, 1 Morrell St, West Rox (near VA Hospital), \$45, call Mel Vieira at 617-429-2642
- Boston PD Vet Fundraiser - BBQ /Pig Roast – 7/11/15, VFW Post 1018 (Police Post), 500 Morton Street, Dorchester
- V-WISE Boston! - Women Vet Entrepreneur Training Program, 8/21/15, Boston
On-line Pre-Training begins 7/27; Call: 315-443-4629
- "The Ramble" Outdoor Vets Benefit Concert on the Beach, 8/25/15, Salisbury, MA
- Medal of Honor Convention 2015 – 9/15-20/15; Seaport Boston Hotel
- Mass Elks Veterans Motorcycle Run, Billerica – 9/19/15
- WWII Vet Visit to Washington – 9/27-30/15; hosted by Lynn Senior Services

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

VET NEWS BULLETS

- **VA New England Smart Application Hits the Streets** - The application can be downloaded for free in the application stores for Android, Apple or Windows. Just search for VA New England
The smart application is designed to provide information on all VA resources (VBA, VHA, NCA) throughout New England
- **Women Veterans and Federal Government Employment** - A report recently released by the Council on Veterans Employment looks at women service members and women Veterans, focusing on their skills and employment in the federal government. The 15-page report, completed by the Women Veterans Initiative Workgroup, provides data collected through their research. <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/19037/>
- The President has made increasing the hiring of Veterans, and particularly women Veterans, a top priority. As a result, in fiscal year 2014, one in three new federal hires was a Veteran. The actual rate was 33.2 percent, up from 31 percent in fiscal year 2013; nearly 24 percent of Veterans hired in the civilian workforce in fiscal year 2013 were women Vets, although women represent just 9 percent of all Veterans.
- **Burn Pit Registry Initial Report:** More than 19,000 Veterans and active duty Servicemembers have participated in VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry through September 2014. Initial findings are available in a report <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp>
- **New Vet Housing in Brockton:** The Home Depot Foundation has awarded a \$200,000 grant in support of the Howard House in Brockton, which will provide permanent, supportive housing for homeless and at-risk veterans. 14 units of permanent, supportive housing – with priority occupancy for homeless and at-risk veterans – will be constructed on the campus of the VA campus in Brockton.
- **There & Back Again** is involved in a yoga study with Boston Medical for Veterans with chronic lower back pain. If you know veterans who may be interested in participating, please connect them with Chelsey Lemaster at Chelsey.Lemaster@bmc.org
- **Badger Wilderness Vet Events:**
 - Striper Fishing 1/2 Day Outing - May 27th/June 18th - Hyannis, MA
 - Whitewater Rafting Weekend - July 31-August 2 – Maine
 - Family Land Navigation Day - Plymouth, MA, AugustContact: dan@badgerbasecamp.com, 888-294-0933, www.badgerwildernessguides.org

**Tune in to “Veterans Voice Radio” WATD FM 95.9
Every Thursday, 7-8pm*

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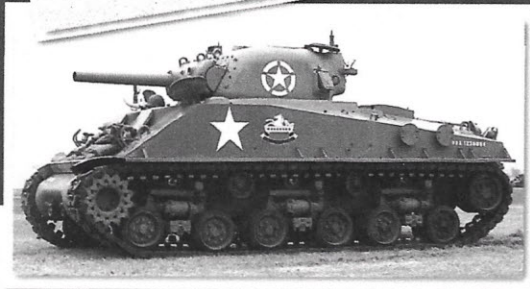
2015 MEMORIAL DAY Back on Track

Join us to pay tribute to our Veterans
& support your community!

SUNDAY
MAY 24
BBQ



MONDAY
MAY 25
PARADE



PARADE

MONDAY • MAY 25, 2015 • 1:00 PM

Parade begins at the American Legion Spear Post
& will travel 2 miles through Downtown

- Classic Cars • Motor Bikes • Marching Band • WWII Reenactors
- Operational Tank & Half-Track • Veteran Rifle Salute
- WWII NAVY Iwo Jima Survivor Guest Speaker
- Camera Drones Filming from Above
- Beverly's Oldest Living Veteran Honored as Grand Marshal & Presented with Bronze Plaque

SUNDAY EVENTS

include fundraiser BBQ &
photos with Military Vehicles!
12:00 pm • City Hall Parking Lot
(funds to benefit local Veterans)

Parade Post PARTY!

Come for the chow after the Ceremony

Additional Thanks to:



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For more info call David Perinchief at 978.921.6018

In case of rain, events will be held at the Beverly Airport Hangars