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A Message from the Assistant Secretary



Welcome to the Winter edition of the BLUF Newsletter. This resource is designed to keep you informed of the latest updates from the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) and to share tools and information that support your work across Massachusetts.

This fall, from local ceremonies and parades to large-scale gatherings, communities throughout the state came together to honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans in meaningful and powerful ways. Members of our leadership team, including the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Engagement and Outreach staff, were honored to stand alongside cities, towns, and veteran organizations across

the state to recognize Veterans Day. We were also grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with our VSOs at this year's annual conference, where their expertise, insight, and partnership helped lay the groundwork for a strong and impactful year ahead.

As we enter a new year and the winter months ahead, this season offers renewal. The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to reaffirm our shared mission to ensure that veterans and their families receive the support, respect, and access to benefits they have earned. It is a time to strengthen collaboration, enhance the systems that serve veterans, and continue building a

Commonwealth where no veteran is without guidance or community.

To all of you, our VSOs and community partners, thank you. Your dedication, compassion, and leadership are evident in every veteran's life you touch. Whether you are helping veterans navigate benefits, supporting families in crisis, or expanding outreach to underserved communities, your work makes a meaningful difference each day.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you in this important mission.

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Cory R. Ahonen
Assistant Secretary for
Engagement & Outreach

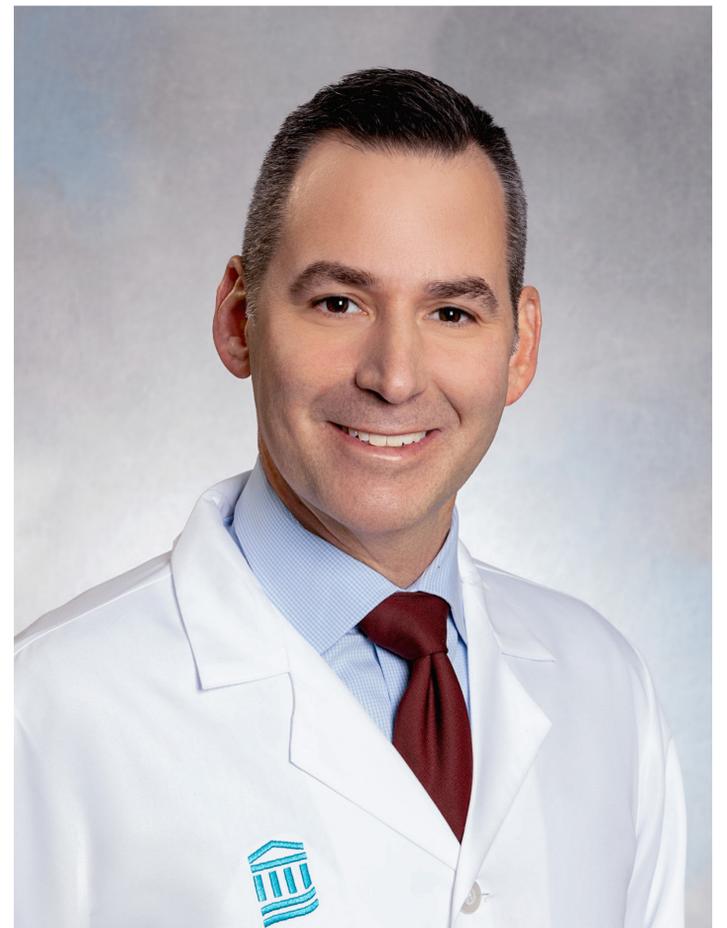
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QUARTERLY RECAP



"This role represents an opportunity to ensure every veteran in the Commonwealth receives the support, resources, and recognition they've earned through their service"

Meet Our New Secretary: Dr. Eric Goralnick



On February 23, Dr. Eric Goralnick will officially step into the role of Secretary of Veterans Services, bringing with him a career shaped by military service, medicine, and a deep commitment to public service.

A United States Navy veteran and emergency physician, Dr. Goralnick has spent more than two decades working on the front lines of care and in leadership roles focused on strengthening complex systems. His work has centered on improving access to high-quality care, building effective partnerships across institutions, and ensuring that service members, veterans, and underserved communities are supported when they need it most.

Throughout his career, Dr. Goralnick has helped bridge the gap between military and civilian health systems, translating real-world experience into practical solutions that improve how care is delivered. His leadership has been defined by collaboration, problem-solving, and a belief that systems work best when they are designed around the people they serve.

As he prepares to take on this role, Dr. Goralnick brings a perspective grounded in service, accountability, and results. His background as both a veteran and a physician informs his approach to leadership and reflects a long-standing commitment to meeting people where they are and building systems that deliver consistent, compassionate care.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Goralnick and learning more about the experiences and values that will guide his work in the months ahead.

[Visit: mass.gov/eovs/secretary-goralnick-appointment](https://mass.gov/eovs/secretary-goralnick-appointment)

"Massachusetts is the home of America's military tradition. We claim it proudly. Our veterans mean so much to our history; they mean so much to us today."



VETERANS DAY and VETERANS WEEK 2025 RECAP

On Veterans Day 2025, the Commonwealth gathered at the Massachusetts State House to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans across every generation. Veterans, families, Gold Star organizations, students, and state leaders came together for a ceremony that included the presentation of colors, the National Anthem, a moment of silence and "Taps," and remarks recognizing the enduring impact of military service.

As part of the ceremony, the Tom Hudner Valor Award was presented to Andrew Biggio, a Marine Corps veteran, Boston Police officer, author, and longtime advocate for veterans. The Captain Thomas Kelley Community Engagement Award was presented to Soldier On, recognizing the organization's decades-long commitment to ending veteran homelessness and supporting veterans through housing and wraparound services.

Veterans Day marked the culmination of Veterans Week 2025, a statewide effort that included events and engagements across Massachusetts in recognition of veterans, their families, and the partners who support them.



"Gold Star families live with the weight of sacrifice every single day. We owe them respect, recognition and action. This annual ceremony honors their loved ones, and this new toolkit will help families access the resources they need throughout the year."



Massachusetts Gold Star Families Tree Lighting

In December, Gold Star families gathered at the Massachusetts State House for the annual Gold Star Families Tree Lighting ceremony, an opportunity to honor fallen service members and recognize the families who carry their legacy forward. Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll joined families, state leaders, and community partners for the ceremony, which has become a meaningful tradition at the State House.

During the event, the Healey Administration marked the launch of the Massachusetts Gold Star Family Resource Toolkit, the first statewide guide created specifically for Gold Star families. Developed by the Executive Office of Veterans Services, the toolkit brings together information on benefits and supports in one place, including education, health care, housing, employment, financial assistance, and opportunities for connection, helping families more easily navigate available resources.

Approximately 120 Gold Star family members attended the ceremony, decorating the tree with personal messages and ornaments in remembrance of their loved ones. The event was hosted by the Military Friends Foundation with support from state and community partners, continuing a longstanding tradition of remembrance and support for Gold Star families across the Commonwealth.

Visit: mass.gov/eovs/goldstar-tree-lighting-2025 to access the Gold Star Toolkit

EOVS Staff Spotlight: Nicolette Slezak

Program Coordinator *Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment Program (SAVE)*

At the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS), supporting veterans means meeting them where they are, especially during moments of crisis, transition, and uncertainty. Few embody that commitment more fully than Nicolette Slezak, a Program Coordinator with the SAVE Team.

Nicolette joined the SAVE Team in July 2020, driven by a deep passion for supporting veterans and ensuring they have access to the care, advocacy, and resources they deserve. The SAVE Team's focus on prevention and direct support aligned closely with her desire to make a meaningful impact while addressing the complex and diverse challenges veterans and their families often face.

In her role, Nicolette conducts intakes to identify veterans' needs, barriers, and risk factors, and connects them to appropriate benefits and services. She provides hands-on support as veterans and their family members navigate what

can be an overwhelming system—continuing to work alongside them until barriers are addressed and needs are met. Nicolette also represents the SAVE Team at statewide conferences, including the annual Massachusetts Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference, helping expand awareness of veteran-specific prevention and intervention efforts.

What Nicolette finds most meaningful is supporting veterans during their most challenging moments and helping those who have already given so much feel heard, understood, and supported. The SAVE Team plays a critical role during difficult or high-risk situations by identifying challenges early and proactively connecting veterans to services that can prevent suicide and mental health crises, while also supporting positive transitions back into civilian life.

That impact is felt across the



Commonwealth, including in communities where access to services can be more limited. In the Southern Berkshires, local veteran service officers have seen firsthand the difference Nicolette's presence and approach has made for veterans seeking help. Southern Berkshire Veterans Services District VSO Thomas Beasley shared: "Nicolette's ability to have helpful, honest, and caring conversations with our veterans shows the VSO community that if we work together, all veterans have a chance to be safe and cared for."

Even on the toughest days, Nicolette is motivated by the relationships she builds with veterans and their families, and by knowing she can be there when veterans need support most. Helping veterans feel heard, supported, and hopeful is what makes the work worthwhile.

For more information on the SAVE program, visit mass.gov/SAVE.

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE)

What We Do

Peer Support

SAVE operates as a peer support outreach program that connects veterans and their families with benefits, services, and support.

SAVE's mission is to prevent suicide and mental health distress among veterans by identifying their post-service issues and proactively connecting them with benefits and services.



Crisis Hotlines

SAVE

Mobile Outreach Team

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Mon. - Fri.
(617) 210-5743

Mass Substance Abuse Helpline

24/7 Crisis Support
Call 988, then press 1

MA Behavioral Health Help Line

24/7 Substance Use, Harm
Reduction Treatment &
Recovery Services
Call (800) 327-5050
Text "HOPE" to 800327

"Our mission is to remove a burden they've carried for decades and provide peace and closure"

Veteran Spotlight: **Matthew Hernon**



For Army National Guard veteran Matthew Hernon, service did not end when the uniform came off, but instead became a lifelong commitment to ensuring that no veteran is forgotten. Having served in the Massachusetts Army National Guard from 2012 to 2024, Matthew says his time in uniform shaped how he approaches this work today. “Regardless of branch, rank, or MOS, we all served the same mission,” he shared. “That commitment does not end when the uniform comes off. You learn to adjust fire, adapt, and take care of those who raised their right hand and swore the same oath.”

That belief is the foundation of Hernon’s nonprofit, Ashes to Honor, an organization dedicated to restoring lost military records and securing long-overdue honors for veterans and their families across Massachusetts and beyond. The mission began with Matthew’s own family, when his grandfather’s military records were believed lost in the 1973 National Personnel Records Center fire. After repeated unsuccessful attempts through official channels, Matthew located the necessary documentation himself and ensured his grandfather received proper military honors. “That experience made me refuse to ever accept no for an answer again,” he said. A later case involving a World War II veteran whose service had gone unrecognized for decades—until Matthew recovered the records and secured posthumous honors—cemented the purpose behind Ashes to Honor.

Today, Ashes to Honor works with veterans and families throughout the Commonwealth, handling in-depth research, investigations, and coordination to recover records, preserve benefits, and ensure proper recognition. In one South Shore case, Ashes to Honor recovered documentation that helped prevent the loss of Chapter 115 benefits after multiple failed requests. In another, they were able to assist a veteran in securing stable housing. What sets the organization apart, Matthew says, is its unwavering belief that honor should never come with a price tag. “We never charge veterans or families for our services,” he emphasized. “No veteran should be buried without a flag, and no veteran should be forgotten.”

For families, the impact is deeply personal. “What families experience is relief,” Matthew explained. “Our mission is to remove a burden they’ve carried for decades and provide peace and closure.” Looking ahead, Ashes to Honor will continue prioritizing its work within Massachusetts while maintaining regular, in-person research trips to the National Archives, driven by a mission that remains deeply personal, steadfast, and rooted in service.

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***Community Spotlight:* Hanover Veteran Services Comfort Dog Program**



In Hanover, a new form of support is making an impact on the lives of local veterans - four paws at a time. Led by Veteran Services Officer Terrence O'Keeffe, the town's first comfort dog, Sarge, has quickly become a trusted companion to veterans navigating some of their most vulnerable moments.

Launched in 2025, the Comfort Dog Program was recently featured by Boston 25 News, underscoring its growing recognition across the region. But its deepest impact is found not in headlines, but in quiet moments inside the VSO office. Veterans seeking state benefits or filing VA claims often find themselves reliving painful experiences or discussing deeply personal challenges and experience. Terrence notes that Sarge has an immediate and visible effect: easing tension, lowering anxiety, and helping veterans feel safe, grounded, and supported. "You can literally see the shift," he shared. "Veterans come in the office carrying the weight of their world and their service, and Sarge helps lighten that load."

During a recent visit, Deputy Chief Engagement Officer Nicholas Charrette witnessed this firsthand. "Even though I wasn't there for benefits assistance, I could feel the difference Sarge made," he said. "The veterans in the room—myself included—were more at ease, more open. It's incredible to see how something so simple can make such a meaningful difference."

Looking ahead, Terrence is laying the groundwork for a nonprofit organization designed to help other VSOs across Massachusetts adopt similar comfort-dog programs. The goal is clear: make this model accessible, sustainable, and scalable so more veterans can benefit from the emotional support, grounding presence, and comfort that dogs like Sarge provide. With enthusiasm growing and early success already evident, Hanover's program stands poised to inspire a broader movement in veteran support.

**To follow Sarge's journey and learn more about the program, visit:
Instagram:@comfortdogsarge | Hanover Veterans Services: @HanoverMAVeterans**

Organization Highlight: Norwell Athletic Club – Train Like a Troop



The Norwell Athletic Club (NAC) recently hosted its first annual “Train Like a Troop” event, an innovative Veterans Day initiative envisioned by John Driscoll, an 82nd Airborne veteran and retired police officer who wanted to create something “outside the box” to honor those who served. Participants ran cadence, completed military-style PT, and experienced a hands-on simulation of what daily training is like for a soldier, blending fun, teamwork, and a powerful moment of reflection. During the training, John reminded the group that these challenges are the real, lived experience of service members who must “train like you fight.” The event raised an impressive \$8,600 for America’s Warrior Partnership (AWP) to support veteran suicide-prevention programs, and offered veterans and civilians alike a chance to connect, push themselves, and learn from one another.

NAC intends to carry this momentum into a similar Memorial Day event.

If you’d like to support or get involved, please contact John Driscoll at driscoll.nac@gmail.com



Winter Updates



Welcome New VSOs!

We are proud to welcome the newest Veteran Service Officers joining communities across the Commonwealth. Your commitment to serving veterans and their families strengthens the foundation of support that Massachusetts is known for, and we are grateful to have you as part of this network.

As you step into this vital work, please know that you are not alone. This community is at its best when we are collaborative and mission-driven, and we encourage you to lean on one another, share best practices, and reach out whenever guidance or partnership is needed. Together, we can ensure every veteran receives the care, respect, and support they have earned.

Welcome aboard, we're glad to have you with us!

Garrett Skinner (Barre)

Erika Corbeli (Everett)

Shawn Campbell (Northeast Quabbin District)

SueAnn Cheung (Saugus)

Jerome Terminello (Watertown)

Honoring Veteran Achievements

Did you know? EOVS offers official recognition for veterans' special milestones and achievements!

Awards & Citations

Whether it's a birthday, retirement, promotion, or other significant occasion, you can request a citation or certificate of achievement.

Certificate of Appreciation

- For exceptional service or support to veterans over a significant period



Certificate of Achievement

- Outstanding achievements that have advanced veterans services/welfare
- Outstanding services or deeds that surpass "Certificate of Appreciation"

Veteran Service Citation

- Birthdays over 100
- Couples celebrating their 50th or later wedding anniversary
- Retirements (including military service)
- Outstanding services or deeds that surpass a "Certificate of Achievement"

To formally make a request, please visit:

[Mass.gov/EOVS-Citation](https://www.mass.gov/EOVS-Citation)

Please make your request at least 21 business days prior to the deadline

(All Requests are Subject to Review)

Winter Veteran Remembrances and Holidays

January

Operation Desert Storm Anniversary | January 17



February

Four Chaplains Day | February 3

USO Birthday | February 4

VA National Salute to Veteran Patients Week |
Second Week of February

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday | February 19

Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary | February 23



March

Navy Reserve Birthday | March 3

Navy Seabee Birthday | March 5

National K9 Veterans Day | March 13

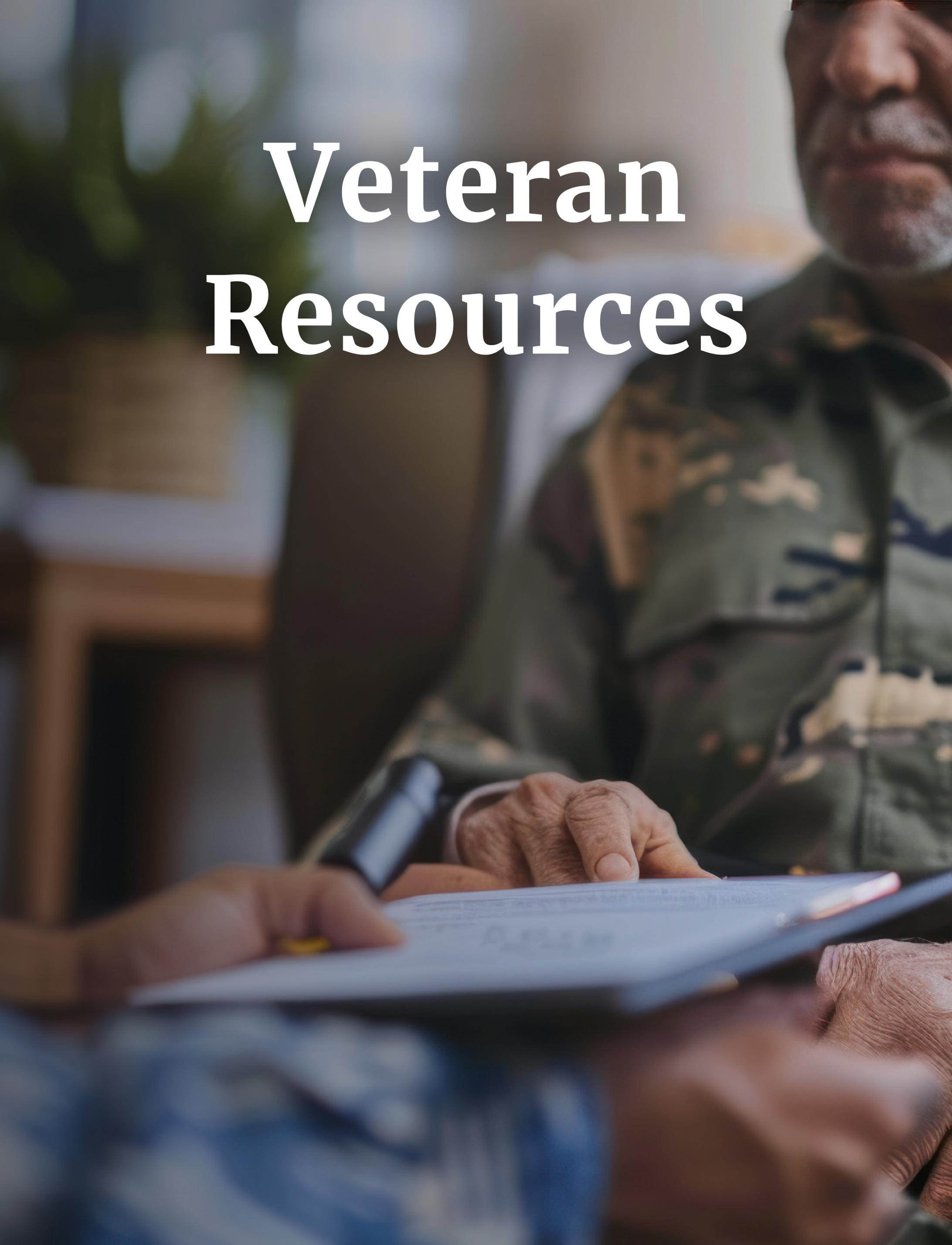
American Legion Birthday | March 15

National Medal of Honor Day | March 25

National Vietnam War Veterans Day | March 29



Veteran Resources

A close-up photograph of a man in a military uniform, likely a veteran, looking at a document held by another person. The man's face is partially visible on the right side of the frame, showing a beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark green military uniform with a name tag that reads "MAY". The document is held by a hand from the left, and the man's hand is resting on it. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with a wooden chair and a plant. The text "Veteran Resources" is overlaid in white on the top half of the image.

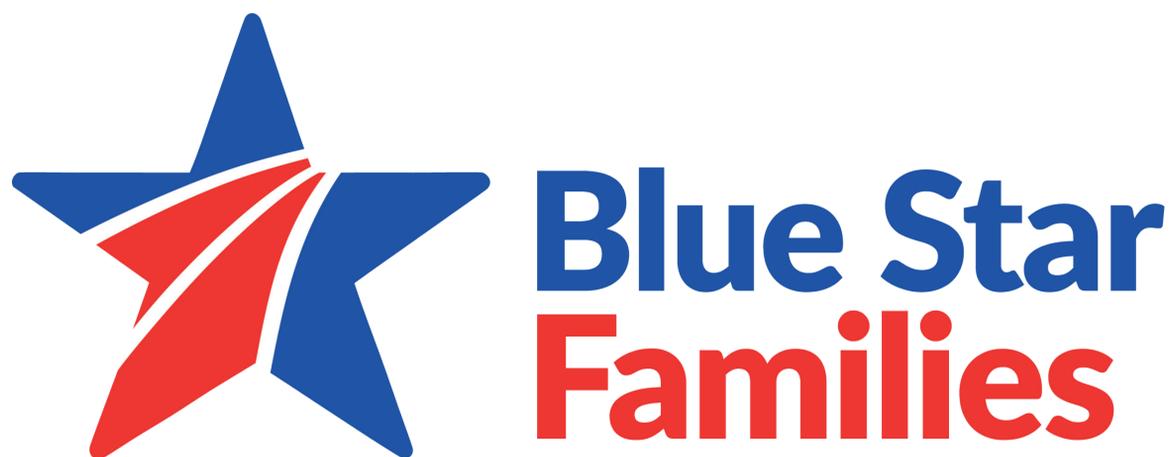
Blue Star Families



Blue Star Families is a national nonprofit founded by military families to ensure that service members, veterans, and their loved ones feel connected, supported, and valued in the communities where they live. Through local events, peer networks, resource navigation, and research-based advocacy, Blue Star Families addresses the

unique challenges of military life—including frequent moves, deployments, childcare gaps, and career disruption. Their annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey, the largest of its kind, plays a critical role in shaping national awareness and policy to better meet the needs of military-connected households.

Here in Massachusetts and across the region, the Blue Star Families New England Chapter provides direct support and programming tailored to the realities of military life in our local communities, creating spaces where families can build friendships, access resources, and find a sense of belonging far from their duty stations. As we honor veterans, it is equally important to remember our active-duty service members and their families, many of whom are veterans themselves and continue to shoulder the demands of service every day. Blue Star Families helps ensure they are not forgotten, offering the community, stability, and appreciation they deserve.



To learn more about the Blue Star Families of New England visit, bluestarfam.org/chapters/new-england

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense program with a mission to ensure that members of the Guard and Reserve can serve their country without jeopardizing their civilian careers. Established in 1972, ESGR relies on a network of dedicated volunteers to educate service members and employers about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), mediate workplace disputes, and recognize employers who go above and beyond in supporting their employees who serve.

For Massachusetts VSOs, ESGR offers both a referral resource and a partner in outreach.

Veterans, service members, or employers with questions can visit www.ESGR.mil, call the Massachusetts office in Wellesley at 339-202-4816, or connect directly with Earl at 413-575-9070.

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Sentinel Study

The SENTINEL Study, led by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, invites veterans to participate in groundbreaking research evaluating a novel blood test designed to screen for more than 50 types of cancer from a single blood draw. Veterans may face an increased risk of developing cancer due to service-related exposures, and this study aims to determine whether earlier detection can improve outcomes through timely diagnosis and treatment.

You may be eligible if you:

- Have 8+ years of active-duty or National Guard / Reserves military service
- Are over 45 years old
- Have received care at a VA facility in the last 5 years
- Have NOT been diagnosed with or received treatment for cancer in the past 3 years

To learn more or get involved, email dfcprevention@dfci.harvard.edu

Veteran Helplines & Support

Massachusetts has Several Comprehensive Helplines that Offer Guidance and Support

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE) Team

SAVE's primary mission is to prevent suicide and mental health distress by identifying issues veterans encounter when returning from service and proactively providing access to benefits and services.

1-888-844-2838 or visit mass.gov/SAVE

Veterans Crisis 24/7 Hotline:

Dial 988, Press 1
Text: 828255

Massachusetts Behavioral Health 24/7 Hotline:

(833) 773-2445

Help for Homeless Veterans

(877) 424-3838

U.S. Army Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Crisis Line

(202) 498-4009



**Feeling stuck?
Don't know where to turn?**



The Massachusetts Substance Use

HELPLINE



National Call Center
for Homeless Veterans

877-424-3838

va.gov/homeless





Eligibility for VA Health Care

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for applying, including the required documents for veterans and servicemembers.

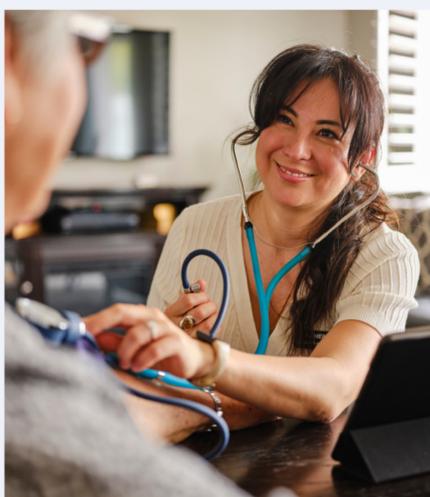
[**Learn More**](#)



FINVET – National Veterans Financial Resource Center

FINVET was created by the VA Office of Suicide Prevention because financial well-being is related to better mental health and lower risk of suicide. FINVET takes a proactive approach to boost protective factors.

[**Learn More**](#)



VA Connected Care

Virtual care is an easy and accessible way to communicate with VA physicians and other health care providers, such as nurses, social workers, and medical assistants.

[**Learn More**](#)



Urgent Care and Retail Clinics in Massachusetts

This tool provides a filterable database to help the public find urgent care and retail clinic locations in their community that offer specific services, service times, or accept their insurance type. Urgent care centers and retail clinics are for mild illnesses and minor injuries.

[**Learn More**](#)



Department of Veteran Affairs Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis, along with their families and friends, to qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders. This service is available 24/7 via a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text message.

Contact 800-273-8255



Suicide Prevention Coordinators at MA VA Medical Centers

VA Boston System

- Leslie Wright, Ph.D.: (857) 364-3611
- Julie McCarthy, LICSW: (774) 826-3024
- Brittney Stedman, Psy.D.: (774) 826-3459

Bedford VA

- Rebecca Dreifuss: (781) 687-2176

Leeds (Northampton) VA

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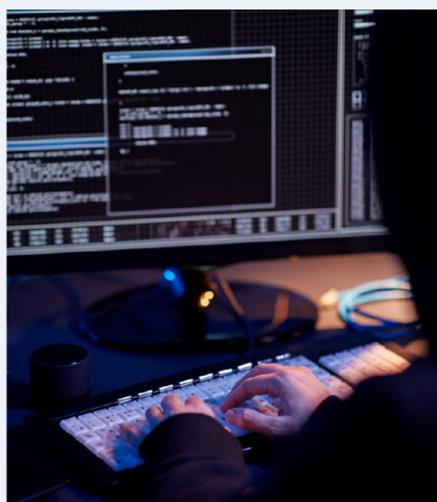
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VA Boston Medical Foster Home

VA Boston's new Medical Foster Home program offers veterans needing 24/7 care an alternative to nursing homes or assisted living facilities. The program matches veterans with approved caregivers who welcome them into their homes. Veterans may also receive assistance applying for VBA benefits to help cover costs.

Contact 617-435-4362



V Safe

Veterans and their families are popular targets for financial fraud. Scammers may try to defraud you through misleading emails, texts, cold calls, or online ads. Find resources about fraud targeting you. Know the signs of a scam, get advice about what to do, and learn how to report scams and identity theft.

Learn More



Free Community College

The MassReconnect and MassEducate programs can cover the full cost of tuition and fees for all eligible students, plus additional allowances for books, supplies, and other college costs based on income level.

[Learn More](#)



Student Veterans of America® (SVA)

Student Veterans of America® (SVA) elevates the academic, professional, and personal development of veterans in higher education through chapter programs and services, outcomes and impacts research, and advocacy at every level.

[Learn More](#)



Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

This comprehensive education benefit offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans and servicemembers who served after September 10, 2001. This program provides financial support to help individuals further their education and career goals by covering various expenses.

[Learn More](#)



Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

VR&E assists veterans and servicemembers with service-connected disabilities in preparing for, finding, and maintaining suitable employment. The program offers job training, employment accommodations, resume development, career counseling, and educational assistance.

[Learn More](#)



100% Service-Connected? You May Be Eligible for a Reimbursement

Since the HERO Act signing, veterans with a 100% service-connected disability no longer need to pay for a driver's license or vehicle registration. If you paid either fee at the RMV after that date, you may qualify for a reimbursement.

[**Apply Now**](#)



DAV Transportation to Veterans

The DAV operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. Use the DAV Hospital Service Coordinator Directory to contact your nearest HSC for information or assistance.

[**Learn More**](#)



DPH Health Care Transportation Resources

Transportation services may be available in Massachusetts to help you get to local or long-distance medical appointments.

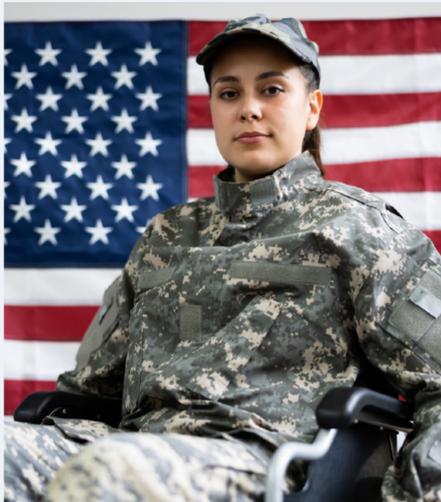
[**Learn More**](#)



Veteran Transportation Resources

Access a full list of transportation services in Massachusetts to help veterans get to medical appointments, jobs, and other destinations.

[**Learn More**](#)



The Women Veterans Transitional Residence at New England Center and Home for Veterans

(NECHV) provides women veterans the option of a safe, women-only living space with dedicated case managers and addiction counselors experienced in the complexities of Military Sexual Trauma (MST), PTSD, and other concerns related explicitly to women veterans.

[**Learn More**](#)



Housing Outreach to Placement Effort (HOPE)

The HOPE program provides outreach, service coordination, and housing placement to homeless veterans across all of Massachusetts.

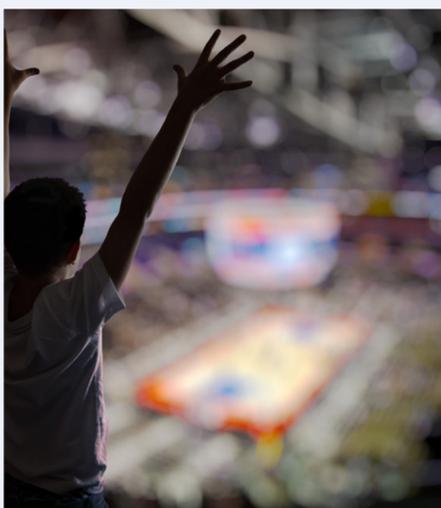
[**Learn More**](#)



Unmet Needs Grant

The Unmet Needs Grant helps active-duty servicemembers and their families dealing with unexpected financial difficulties due to deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial assistance of up to \$2,500 to assist with daily necessities. No repayment is required.

[**Learn More**](#)



Free Tickets for Veterans

The Veteran Tickets Foundation's "Tickets for Troops Program" provides free tickets to active servicemembers for major sports events, leagues, promoters, organizations, and venues.

[**Learn More**](#)



Service Dog Program - Clear Path for Veterans New England

Clear Path's Service Dog Program supports veterans with PTSD, TBI, and MST by pairing them with trained service dogs to build confidence, independence, and wellbeing. Community members also can get involved through the Canine Raiser Program.

[Learn More](#)



K9s for Warriors - Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD

K9s for Warriors provides trained service dogs to Veterans with PTSD, TBI, and MST, helping them regain independence and improve quality of life through trusted companionship and support.

[Learn More](#)



VHA Office of Tribal Health

The Office provides VHA with leadership, guidance, and strategic direction to support American Indian/Alaska Native Veteran health care and access. Dr. Christie Prairie Chicken, an expert on Native American health care, serves as the Office's director and has more than 34 years of federal government experience.

[Learn More](#)



DVNF GPS Program

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation offers grants up to \$1,000 to help Veterans facing temporary financial hardship cover rent, mortgage, or essential utilities.

[Learn More](#)

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