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Veterans Inc. Salutes and Thanks its Volunteers on April 27th

Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC, Boston Scientific, The Doyle Family, and Ray Fran Philblade receive Veterans Inc. 2017 Volunteer Service Awards

WORCESTER, MA – As part of National Volunteer Week, Veterans Inc. hosted over 80 people at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held at the Veterans Inc. headquarters in Worcester. Volunteers at Veterans Inc. were thanked for collectively contributing over 5,000 hours of service to the organization during the past year. Veterans Inc. recognized The Doyle Family with its Family Volunteer Award, Boston Scientific with its Group Volunteer Award, Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC with its School Volunteer Award, and Ray and Frances Philblade with its Individual Volunteer Award. Students at the Nativity School of Worcester showed their appreciation for those who volunteer by creating brightly colored cards which decorated the halls of Veterans Inc.

"The countless hours of time and talent, in addition to monetary and in-kind support from our volunteers, ensure that Veterans Inc. can continue its mission to improve the lives of veterans and their families," said Amanda Riik, Marketing and Communications, Director. "We have come to rely on our volunteers, to provide services and also to be a messenger for our cause. "

About the Doyle Family

The Doyle Family has donated over \$35,000 for Veterans Inc. through their annual Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of James "Jocko" Doyle, a Vietnam Army veteran. When James passed away from cancer in 2010, his family and friends decided to honor and remember him with a memorial golf tournament. Having been drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, Jocko was only one of two in his class of forty who were not sent to Vietnam. "We decided to donate the proceeds to Veterans Inc. because we realize that my dad was one of the lucky few who did not see the front lines of war," said Jim Doyle. "My family is grateful of all the sacrifices that the veterans in the United States of America have made for us and our donations over the years are just a small way of saying thanks for a job well done to the men and women of the Armed Services."

About Ray and Fran Philblade

Ray and Fran have been weekly volunteers in our hot meals program since 2010. For the past 7 years, Ray and Fran have volunteered over 520 hours in the serving line. "We wanted to help in a small way, those who helped our country in a big way. Our veterans are the most appreciative group of people we have ever met and we always look forward to our visit," said Ray and Fran Philblade.

About Quabbin Regional High School Navy Junior ROTC

Since 2012, the Quabbin Navy Junior ROTC has supported our Gala Military Ball by supply a color guard and performing an emotional POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the event that touches the hearts of our ball attendees every time. Lead by Navy Captain Dan Brennock, the Quabbin cadets proudly volunteer and give back to our Veterans. "We appreciate the service of our veterans and those men and women on Active Duty today. It is so important that we as Cadets show our appreciation by giving back whenever, wherever and however we can. That's why we volunteer for the Veterans Inc. We're always looking for opportunities to assist and to honor those that have served us, our nation, so honorably. Veterans don't expect or ask for much, so serving them is the least we can do," said QNJ ROTC Cadets.

About Boston Scientific

Boston Scientific has been volunteering with Veterans Inc. since 2012. Over the past 5 years, they have volunteered over 500 hours in various areas. Their help sponsoring meals and serving in our kitchen has brought many smiles to our veterans living here at our headquarter site. They have also organized donation drives and have volunteered to make our annual Stand Down event a success. "I volunteer because it's an opportunity to help those in need, and to spend time connecting with our veterans. Our men and women that have served our country are a wonderful group to chat with and truly appreciate the meals we bring in," said Alex, Boston Scientific Employee.

"As a military spouse, daughter of a veteran, and friend to many servicemen and women, I volunteer at Veterans Inc. because every veteran deserves to be treated with the respect and honor they have rightfully earned in service to our country," said Sarah, Boston Scientific Employee.

"Our Veterans put everything on the line to protect our freedom. We may never be able to repay them for their sacrifice, but we can show them just how much we appreciate all that they've done," said Tony, Boston Scientific Employee.

About Veterans Inc.

Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)3 non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 65,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states. Our services include housing, employment & training, counseling, alcohol and drug treatment center, family support programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, post-9/11 support and women & childcare services. They were there when we needed them...We must be there now that they need us.

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