

Veterans Inc Receives National Recognition

Arlington, VA, May 25, 2009 – Against the backdrop of our nation’s memorials to veterans in Washington D.C. and on the weekend cherished as that which most honors our fallen heroes, The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) awarded *Veterans Inc.* the “2009 Outstanding Member Award” at the Coalition’s annual convention.

Veterans Inc. was selected from more than 250 Veterans supportive services organizations nationwide for this award. Veterans Inc (formerly Massachusetts Veterans Inc.), was established 20 years ago and is now the largest one-stop Veterans housing and outreach program in New England.

Two of the agency’s founders, **Lt. Colonel Vincent J. Perrone**, USAF (retired), President & CEO and **Denis M. Leary**, Executive Director, were joined by several other staff members to receive the award. “It is a tremendous honor to receive this special recognition from the National Coalition for our programs,” said Perrone. “Veterans Inc is centered on caring for the ‘Total Veteran’ and we will continue our mission of serving those who serve. We recognize the importance of families because while an individual may wear the uniform, it is the entire family who serves our county.”

“Veterans Inc. plays an incredibly important role in improving the lives of veterans and their families in our community,” said **Congressman James McGovern (D-MA)**. “I’m so pleased that the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans is recognizing Veterans Inc.’s extraordinary work, compassion and dedication. I especially want to congratulate Vin Perrone and Denis Leary for their leadership, passion and humanity.”

Veterans Inc. operates over 200 beds for Veterans housing, with additional supportive housing programs being developed in other states to meet the needs of Veterans and their families. Veterans Inc. has an 85% success rate, one of the highest in the nation, for transitioning clients out of homelessness. Last year, through the Veterans Inc. food bank system, daily meals and clothing programs, they provided more than 300,000 meals and \$100,000 of clothing to over 8,000 Veterans, service members and families in need.

Through Veterans Inc.’s partnerships with Veterans organizations, private companies, state and federal agencies and your donations, Veterans Inc. is able to continue to meet the growing needs of all generations of Veterans and their families.

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