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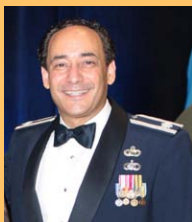
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Welcome to the January 2012 Edition of our E-Newsletter designed to bring you the biggest and brightest news from Veterans Inc., New England's largest provider of services for veterans and their families. Also, be sure to check out our website www.veteransinc.org.

What's New at Veterans Inc.

Message from the President & CEO Vincent J. Perrone & Executive Director Denis Leary



President & CEO
Vincent Perrone

A Look at the Year Ahead

On behalf of Veterans Inc., I would like to wish everyone a wonderful New Year. Veterans Inc. is looking forward to continued success in 2012. Each year we advance our mission of eradicating homelessness among veterans. But our work is far from complete. As troops return from Iraq, Veterans Inc. will be even more visible in New England. Over the next year, Veterans Inc. will be ready to provide services for soldiers who return home with PTSD and other combat related problems. In addition, we will continue to serve veterans and their families through a new program we recently started called "Supportive Services for Veteran Families" (SSVF) funded in part by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The SSVF Program encompasses all of New England and is the first of its kind in the nation to provide a full array of resources to promote "housing stability" for veterans and their families. Through this program we will serve 400 families that are homeless or imminently at risk of being homeless. We see the New Year as an opportunity to improve the lives of more veterans and their families. Veterans Inc. looks forward to this challenge and hopes to reach its goals in the New Year alongside our volunteers and supporters.

Opportunities for Veterans in the New Year

While many analysts forecast a stronger economy and job growth in 2012, the reality is unemployment is higher among veterans than the average population. Last year, the average national unemployment rate for

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Executive Director
Denis Leary

young male veterans who have served their country since September 2001 was staggering: three times the national average of their non-veteran counterparts were out of work. In the New Year, Veterans Inc. has a goal of helping to lower that percentile and our staff is uniquely poised to provide veterans and returning soldiers with the resources they need to obtain and maintain employment and stabilize their lives. From resume building to hands-on job training, the Veterans Inc. Employment & Training program maximizes employment opportunities for veterans. The program has a high success rate in terms of finding jobs for veterans. Our staff looks at trends in the workforce and has developed a network of business partners and veteran's employment organizations. We hope this year we will be able to share many success stories from veterans who have been able to obtain new jobs in New England.

Tibetan Buddhist Monks Build Mandala for Veterans



Veterans Inc. President and CEO, Vincent Perrone and Executive Director, Denis Leary welcome Tibetan Monks on December 12, 2011

Veterans Inc., as part of its Health and Wellness Program welcomed eight Tibetan Buddhist Monks to Independence Hall at 59 South Street in Shrewsbury, MA for a week long experiential event.



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15th Annual Best Ball
Charity Golf Classic
Date:
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Gala Military Ball
Date:
Saturday, Oct 20, 2012

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- Veterans Inc. is There as Our Veterans Return Home

- With troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan, Veterans Inc. is poised to provide services for soldiers who return to New England with PTSD and other combat-related problems, few

The monks of Gaden Jangtse resided at Veterans Inc. while building a "Mandala of Compassion," for veterans and the community. They spent several hours each day designing the mandala using a mixture of colorful sand. The Mandala of Compassion was both a physical work of art and deeply spiritual activity. Hundreds of spectators came to the site throughout the week to watch the monks chant and pray during the ritual.

"We delete emotions such as anger and attachment" said Geshe Lobsang Tenzin, who led the group.

At the closing ceremony, the sand was swept up and distributed to those in attendance to promote peace. The unique visit to Veterans Inc. was part of a national world peace cultural tour by the Tibetan Buddhist Monks.

Worcester Couple Honored by Veterans Inc. for Generosity



Dorothy and Milton Whiting at the Dedication of the Chapel at Independence Hall in Shrewsbury December 6, 2011

A dedication ceremony was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at Veterans Inc.'s Independence Hall, 59 South St in Shrewsbury, MA. Veterans Inc. dedicated the chapel to Milton and Dorothy Whiting of Worcester.

The Whiting's were honored for their strong commitment and efforts in helping Veterans Inc. with its mission to end homelessness among veterans. Fourteen years ago, the Whiting's signed up as volunteers during the holiday season after responding to an ad Veterans Inc. placed in a local newspaper which asked for help with wrapping Christmas gifts for veterans. From then on, the Whiting's have been passionate about improving the lives of veterans by devoting countless hours to helping those in need. In addition, the couple has contributed more than \$150,000 in donations.

"We do all we can because, I am free because of them (veterans) ...so what more can we do," explains Dorothy Whiting.

Milton is an Air Force veteran. He served during World War II and worked as a mechanic on B-12 bombers. The Whiting's have been married for 64 years. They have resided in Worcester for most of their lives.

Santa Brings Gifts to Little Patriots Early Learning Center!

resources, and fragile social networks that leave them nowhere else to turn.

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**A Special Guest at Little Patriots Early Learning Center,
6 Sheridan Street, Worcester**

Santa (*Rich Turner, Employment & Training Manager*) and his elf (*Lisa Quintiliani Bousbouras, Executive Director of Little Patriots Early Learning Center*) delivered presents to dozens of children at the Little Patriots Early Learning Center. The children were full of smiles as they each got a chance to sit and talk with Santa.

Thank you to Quinsigamond United Methodist Church of Worcester for the toy donations along with a private donation from Lt. Tania Sang Carter, 101st Engineer Battalion, Massachusetts National Guard.

Holiday Gifts for Veterans



Wish List Donations

Thanks to community members the holidays were brighter for local veterans. Hundreds of gift items from Veterans Inc.'s wish list were generously donated by supporters. Staff members and volunteers were busy in December wrapping all the gifts in time for Christmas. The gifts were handed out to the hundreds

of veterans that Veterans Inc. serves throughout New England. Veterans in the housing program at Veterans Inc.'s Independence Hall were able to enjoy gifts under a decorated Christmas tree donated by The Home Depot.

Weatherization Training Green Jobs For Massachusetts Veterans

Veterans Inc. and Environmental Management Geological Consultants is offering a Green Project Weatherization Training.

Training Curriculum Includes:

- Massachusetts Weatherization (8 Day)
- DOE Lead Safe Weatherization
- OSHA 10 Hour Training & Card for Construction

Course will be 8 days, 9 AM to 5 PM beginning March 19th thru March 28th at Independence Hall located at 59 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA. Curriculum will be green related and

designed to accommodate the needs of selected applicants!

**Free training for qualified and accepted Veterans.

**Call to talk to an Employment & Training Specialist at
1-800-482-2565**



For more information on the Employment & Training program, scan the QR code above using your smart phone.

Green Jobs Statistics:

The Brookings Institution indicates 2.7 million people hold down green jobs in the United States.

- 63,523 of those jobs are in Massachusetts.
- The number of green jobs in Massachusetts increased 3.3 percent since 2003
- The average salary is \$47,815.

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