



Veterans Inc. E-Newsletter

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Welcome to the July 2011 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](http://www.veteransinc.org).

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



President & CEO  
Vincent J. Perrone,  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
(Retired)

This summer as we experience picnics, the beach, ball games, cookouts and well deserved time off, I ask you to also remember that the freedom that we all enjoy is the result of the sacrifice of our men and women of the Armed Forces. Each one took an oath to service our great nation and if necessary, was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice.

The slogan "Freedom is not free" still has significance today and we must never forget the men and women for whom it is more than just a slogan, it is a reality born of extreme sacrifice and dedication. They were there when we needed them...we must be there now that they need us...

- Vincent J. Perrone



Executive Director  
Denis Leary

"Only in America" is an expression we often hear, and on the fourth of July it has deep meaning for all of us. "Only in America" do we celebrate a day of true independence. "Only in America" do we have the benefit of being the melting pot of cultures, hopes and dreams. And "Only in America" can we salute a precious group of men and women who have put themselves in harms way to safeguard us all. That group of course are our veterans, so please have a safe and happy Independence Day and if you have the opportunity, take a moment and thank a veteran.

- Denis Leary

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Take a look at our **WISH LIST** to see what our VETERANS need!

The Little Patriots Early Learning Center has a **INFANTWISHLIST** Check it out!

How can you help? Visit these links:

- **DONATE**

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# What's New at Veterans Inc.

## *Veterans Inc. attends the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Conference in D.C.*

Veterans Inc. attended [The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans](#) annual conference from June 6 to June 8, 2011 in Washington, D.C. The conference marked the second year of the current administration's Five-Year Plan to End Homelessness among Veterans and included updates from federal agencies, training on topics across the spectrum of homeless veteran services and issues, and networking with service providers from across the country.



Veterans Inc. staff visit Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) at his office on Capitol Hill

Veterans Inc. was also able to visit Capitol Hill and meet with New England legislators to discuss issues and needs of veterans and their families.



Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) & Veterans Inc. President & CEO Vincent Perrone

## *Lt. Governor Tim Murray meets with veterans at the 6th Annual Veterans Inc. Stand Down*

On Friday June 17, 2011 Veterans Inc. received a visit from Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray who came to show his support at the 6th Annual Veterans Inc. Stand Down that was held at Veterans Inc.s, Independence Hall, in Shrewsbury, MA.



Check out our Videos on YouTube!



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!

### 15th Annual Redemption Rock Bike Run

Date:  
Sunday, August 21, 2011

Visit these links to know more about each of our programs:

- [CASE MANAGEMENT](#)

- [HOUSING SITES](#)

- [EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING](#)

- [HEALTH & WELLNESS](#)

- [OUTREACH](#)

- [LITTLE PATRIOTS EARLY LEARNING CENTER](#)

- 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 resources, and fragile



Lt. Gov. Tim Murray speaks with homeless veterans at the 6th Annual Veterans Inc. Stand Down  
Photo by Steve Balestrieri

More than 40 providers participated, representing non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, and government agencies offering veterans' services, health and human services, and social services. Veterans at the event obtained food, clothing, personal care items, haircuts, massages, acupuncture, counseling, legal services; and services and advice related to employment and training, housing, and healthcare.

Over 300 Veterans and their family members received assistance at the Stand Down.

***A BIG THANK YOU to ALL Veterans Inc. Volunteers***



Volunteer Coordinator Francesca Perrone at our Annual Veterans Inc. Appreciation Brunch

Veterans Inc. gives a **BIG Round of Applause** to all of our Volunteers for your loyalty, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our veterans. Veterans Inc. thanks you for your volunteerism and your selflessness and all of your outstanding contributions that have helped to improve our veteran's lives in the last year. Over 150 Volunteers donated their time with 1,600 plus volunteer hours donated!

To learn more about the Veterans Inc. Volunteer Program Visit our [Veterans Inc. Volunteer Page](#) to see what opportunities are available!

***Veterans Inc. - Press Box***

Check out all the recent articles published on ***Veterans Inc.***

[Federal grants to help vets get jobs](#)

social networks that  
leave them  
nowhere else to turn.

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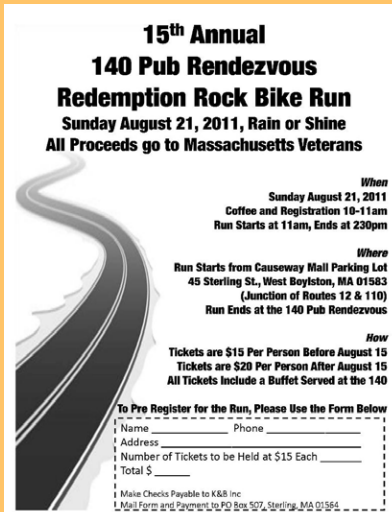
[Veterans Inc. Sponsors Freedom Song Festival](#)

Worcester Telegram & Gazette

### Upcoming Fundraising Events

[15th Annual Redemption Rock Bike Run](#)

Sunday, August 21, 2011



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
140 Pub Rendezvous  
Redemption Rock Bike Run**  
Sunday August 21, 2011, Rain or Shine  
All Proceeds go to Massachusetts Veterans

**When**  
Sunday August 21, 2011  
Coffee and Registration 10-11am  
Run Starts at 11am, Ends at 230pm

**Where**  
Run Starts from Causeway Mall Parking Lot  
45 Sterling St., West Boylston, MA 01583  
(Junction of Routes 12 & 110)  
Run Ends at the 140 Pub Rendezvous

**How**  
Tickets are \$15 Per Person Before August 15  
Tickets are \$20 Per Person After August 15  
All Tickets Include a Buffet Served at the 140

To Pre Register for the Run, Please Use the Form Below

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Tickets to be Held at \$15 Each \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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