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Welcome to the September 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.

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



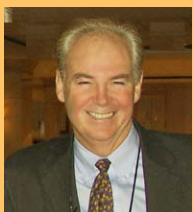
President & CEO Vincent J. Perrone, Lt. Colonel, USAF (Retired)

No matter where we turn, there seems to be bleak economic news as unemployment and underemployment continues to impact the lives of millions of Americans. And adding to these trying times is the plight faced by veterans who, amazingly, have an unemployment rate double the national average and even higher among young male veterans 18-24. Job training targeting expanding sectors of the economy is vital for these men and women.

There is hope for our jobless veterans - a small light in this long dark tunnel comes from the Veterans Inc. Employment & Training Program. Our program, funded in part by the U.S.

Department of Labor, strives to get veterans back into the workforce by offering training, support services, and job placement with employer partners. If you are an employer, take a moment to appreciate the ways that military experiences and skills might translate into civilian jobs.

When we pause to reflect on the sacrifice that veterans and their families have made for all of us, the least we can do in return is work together to ensure their comfort and safety - and help them get back on their feet when they land on troubled times.



Executive Director

October is an exciting month at Veterans Inc. for many reasons, not the least of which is the start of our major new program called "Supportive Services for Veteran Families" (SSVF). The SSVF Program will encompass all of New England and will be the first of its kind in the nation to provide a full array of resources to promote "housing stability" for veterans and their families. Veterans Inc. is thrilled to be

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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:

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Denis Leary able to offer this dynamic new resource for our veterans, but we will not be successful on our own. We can only succeed with the help of the community because services of this type only succeed when they are provided in an atmosphere of support and encouragement. We are thankful that every community throughout New England is one that endorses, appreciates and supports veterans.

What's New at Veterans Inc.

Vehicles for Veterans Program receives a heartwarming donation

Veterans Inc.'s Vehicles for Veterans Program is designed to give clients an opportunity to obtain transportation and better their chances of obtaining and retaining employment.

Recently, a Veterans Inc. staff member had come to work one morning in her son's car, as her vehicle was in the shop. Her son recently graduated from college and purchased a new vehicle and wanted to sell the old one. A Veteran in our program inquired about it, as it had a for sale sign on it. She informed him the car was for sale and told him the price. Based on the look on his face she knew he was not able to afford to purchase the vehicle.



Veteran Zodus Bouyer & Donor Samuel Burr
Donating a 1997 Mercury Marqui

Colleen Burr, a veteran herself, returned home that evening and shared the story with her son Sam Burr. His immediate response was "Mom, let's give it to him." Sam, a recent college graduate, certainly could have used that money to put down on a new vehicle or to help towards some hefty college bills, but he didn't give it a second thought. Sam, always appreciative of the service of our veterans (including his mom), volunteered at Veterans Inc. while in school. He observed first hand the respect that Veterans Inc. shows our Veterans, while providing services that for many are a lifeline they so desperately need. According to the Burr's, "his story and outlook inspired us... the veteran's gratitude was overwhelming. This was an extremely positive experience for all of us and we will certainly promote this terrific program to our friends and family."

If you have an operational vehicle that you would like to donate to a veteran in need, please call Toll Free 800-482-2565 x128. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Visit the Veterans Inc. website to learn more about [Vehicle for Veterans](#)



Check out our Videos on YouTube!



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!

Annual Tim Jackson
Motorcycle Run
Date:
Sunday, October 16, 2011

7th Annual Veterans
Memorial 5k Road Race
Date:
Sunday, November 6, 2011

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

- [CASE MANAGEMENT](#)

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- Veterans Inc. is There as Our Veterans Return Home

- With troops coming home from Iraq and

***Veterans Inc. Softball Team 2011 Season
Summer must come to an end***

Veterans Inc. strives to have wellness outlets and programs for our veterans to participate in throughout the year. The need for physical and mental health support is critical in getting veterans stabilized and assist in fulfilling long-term goals.

This Summer Veterans Inc. staff, veterans, and volunteers from the community participated in the Worcester Health Care Softball League. The season was a success with a regular season record of 11-5 and the team made it into the first round of playoffs!



2011 Veterans Inc. Softball Team

Congratulations to a job well done and thank you to all of our supporters who attended our events!

To view more pictures visit our [Facebook Page](#)

***The United Way "Day of Caring"
gives Veterans Inc. volunteer support!***

On Thursday, September 15th, the 18th annual Day of Caring took place through the United Way. Veterans Inc. was one of the non-profits that were supported by volunteers from the community in painting Veterans Inc.'s Independence Hall in Shrewsbury, MA.



Thank you all for a job well done!

To view pictures from this event visit the [United Way](#) website.

Volunteer and Staff Recognition

Debbie Guiney - President & CEO AllCom Credit Union - receives the 2011 Women in Development Volunteer Award. For more information please visit [Women in Development](#)

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 social networks that leave them nowhere else to turn.

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Women in Development Annual Meeting
Clark University
Photograph from Left to Right: Vincent Perrone,
Debbie Guiney, Allison Alaimo, Denis Leary

Amanda Riik - Public Relations Manager - received the 40 under Forty Award from the Worcester Business Journal.
For more information please visit [Worcester Business Journal](#)



Worcester Business Journal Forty under 40 Event
Amanda Riik with Veterans Inc. leadership and staff at the Award
Ceremony at Mechanics Hall

Veterans Inc. wishes to congratulate both Debbie and Amanda for the work they do on behalf of our veterans and their families in need.

Upcoming Fall Events

Join Veterans Inc. for a Pride-filled upcoming Fall Season!

Tim Jackson Bike Run
Sunday, October 16, 2011

7th Annual Veterans Memorial 5k Road Race
Sunday, November 6, 2011



**7th Annual
Veterans Memorial
5k Road Race & Walk**



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

Time:

Registration: 10:00am-12:00pm

Salute to Veterans: 12:40pm

Race Start 1:00pm

CLICK TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR RACE!

Annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Friday, November 11, 2011

FREE TO ATTEND

Annual Holiday Harvest

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Looking for Your Donation of Frozen Turkeys, Stuffing, Gravy, and Cranberry Sauce to pass out to our Veterans and their Families in need at our Thanksgiving Food Bank

Interested in attending, sponsoring, or donating to an event? Visit our [Events Page](#) or contact Amanda Riik at 800-842-2565 x123 or via email Amandariik@veteransinc.org

They were there when we needed them..



We must be there now that they need us.



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