



**October 2011**

Welcome to the October 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 Perrone

**Veterans Day**

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

That was the moment at which World War I largely came to end in 1918. One of the most tragically senseless and destructive periods in all history came to a close in Western Europe with the Armistice -- or end of hostilities between Germany and the Allied nations. Some 20 million people had died in the fighting that

raged for more than four years since August 1914. The complete end of the war came with the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919. The date of November 11th became a national holiday of remembrance in many of the victorious allied nations -- a day to commemorate the loss of so many lives in the war. And in the United States, President Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day on November 11, 1919. A few years later, in 1926, Congress passed a resolution calling on the President to observe each November eleventh as a day of remembrance.

This Veterans Day, the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the eleventh year of this century, we will continue to honor the duty, sacrifice and service of America's nearly 25 million veterans of all wars. We should remember and celebrate those men and women. But lost in that worthy goal is the forgotten meaning of this day in history -- the meaning which Congress gave to Armistice Day in 1926: "to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations ... inviting the people of the United States to observe the day ... with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

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

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

**How can you help? Visit these links:**

- **DONATE**
- **VOLUNTEER**

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Executive  
Director  
Denis Leary

Of the many wonderful holidays that we celebrate here in the United States, the image of Thanksgiving is a dinner table with an abundance of food surrounded by the company of loved ones. But for many veteran families, the dinner table is far from abundant. We live in a time when unemployment and homelessness among veterans is far too common and where the dinner table is one of meager scarcity. But with your help, Veterans Inc. is making a difference. Our Food Bank served over 3,815 households providing meals to over 11,500 veterans and their family members last year and we are currently well on our way to exceed that number this year.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we will provide a "Thanksgiving Dinner Food Box" - that includes all the items to prepare a delicious dinner - to more than 1,600 veterans and their family members living in the community... all of which was made possible because of your support. So please, enjoy a happy and safe holiday and THANK YOU for being there for our veterans now that they need us.

## What's New at Veterans Inc.

### *Celebrate Veterans Day all Week!*

Join Veterans Inc. for a pride-filled upcoming week of Veterans Day Events!

#### 7th Annual Veterans Memorial 5k Road Race

Sunday, November 6, 2011

10:00am - 12:00pm - Registration  
12:40pm - Salute to veterans  
1:00pm - Road Race Start

Location: Veterans Inc.'s Independence Hall,  
59 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA

Day of Registration: \$20



**CLICK TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR RACE!**

Sponsors: Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union, WCCA TV13  
Food Sponsors: Larabar, Raw Revolution, Cabot

#### Annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Friday, November 11, 2011



Check out our Videos on YouTube!



#### FUNDRAISERS:

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Date:  
Sunday, November 6, 2011

Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast  
Date:  
Friday, November 11, 2011

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

Gala Military Ball  
Date:  
Saturday, Oct 20, 2012

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

Time: 8:30am - 11:00am

Location: Veterans Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA

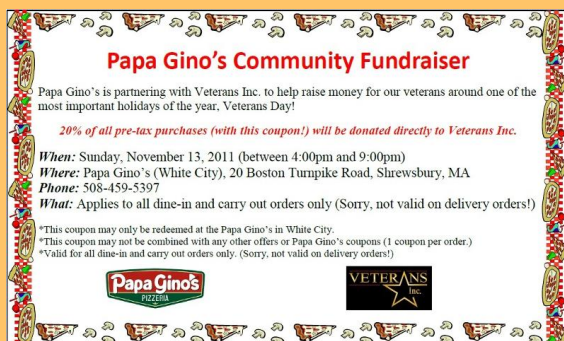
Sponsors: Blackstone Productions, Home Instead Senior Care,  
CRS Services, Salmon's Contracting



Click picture to view pancake  
breakfast flyer

**Papa Gino's Community Fundraising Night**  
Sunday, November 13, 2011

Papa Gino's is partnering with Veterans Inc. to help raise money  
for our veterans around one of the most important holidays of the  
year, Veterans Day!



Time: 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Location:

Papa Gino's (White City), 20 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info and to print coupon!

Contact Amanda Riik at 800-842-2565 x123 or via email  
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***Employment and Training Program***  
***HW Staffing going above and beyond!***

Veterans Inc. has a nationally  
recognized Employment & Training  
Program that helps homeless and  
non-homeless veterans obtain and  
retain jobs so they can stabilize their  
lives, obtain permanent housing,  
and become self-sufficient. Veterans  
Inc. places veterans in jobs by

- 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  
social networks that  
leave them  
nowhere else to turn.

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connecting with its network of business partners and veteran employment organizations, and is continually reaching out to find employers who will hire veterans.

HW Staffing Solutions has been in business for over 30 years, independently owned and operating seven branch locations in the New England Area and has partnered with Veterans Inc. in assisting our veterans in finding employment. In the recent months they have gone above and beyond to set up monthly job fairs, have interviewed OVER 20 veterans seeking employment and were able to offer employment to seven of our veterans. "It has been a huge success and a win-win working together" stated Dianne Labonte.



To learn more about the Employment and Training Program or to **HIRE A VETERAN** visit our [website](#) or call 800-842-2565

***Little Patriots Early Learning Center  
Receives donations towards a NEW Playground!***



On September 21, 2011 Veterans Inc. celebrated the opening of the Little Patriots Early Learning Center's Playground. The Playground was made possible from donations made from DCU for Kids, a non-profit charitable foundation that gives to deserving causes and charities benefiting children

and families and Quaboing, a company that makes the safest playground and landscape surfacing available for commercial and residential applications. The children of veterans and active-duty military personnel will be able to benefit from new playground.



Left to right: Lisa Bousbouras: Director of Little Patriots, Sally Geldard: Quaboing, John Lahair: DCU, Angela Brown: DCU for Kids, Vincent

To learn more about the Little Patriots Early Learning Center visit [www.littlepatriotsele.com](http://www.littlepatriotsele.com)

***Community Support Needed for the Upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday***

The Veterans Inc. Annual Holiday Harvest will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd at Veterans Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA for Veterans in need of assistance and their families. Veterans Inc. will distribute Thanksgiving food boxes starting at 10:00 AM.

**We need community support!**



Veterans Inc. is in need of additional food to be distributed on November 22, 2011 and is accepting donations of turkeys, produce, stuffing, canned gravy and cranberry sauce which can be dropped off 24/7 at Veterans Inc. located on 69 Grove Street in Worcester.

**Help Spread the word!**

*They were there when we needed them..*



*We must be there now that they need us.*



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