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**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Inc. Stand Down to Take Place Friday, June 21st**  
*Veterans Inc. will host the largest veteran-focused resource fair in Central MA.*

**WHO:** Veterans Inc., in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other local agencies, will host the largest veteran-focused Resource Fair in Central, MA., the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Down Event for Veterans and their family members.

**WHAT:** The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand Down Event is for Veterans and their family members and is tailored for veterans in need. With the help and support of over 300 community volunteers and staff at Veterans Inc., the event will provide services to more than 500 Veterans and their family members, with nearly 150 providers and employers onsite. In addition, representatives from the state legislature, city council, and other government organizations will welcome the audience during the opening ceremony. Mike Hsu from Cumulus' Radio, 100 FM The Pike, will MC the event from their PIKE Vehicle, Tent, and Table. The Pike's Street Team will also be in attendance; stop by their table to meet the team for a chance to get some swag and win concert tickets and prizes!

The providers and employers that participate on-site provide free services. Among the providers in attendance, we are pleased to have the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), the Veteran Affairs (VA), (MCPHS) Optometry, (MCPHS) Dental Cleanings, (MCPHS) Acupuncture, Aids Project Worcester (APW) mobile testing van, Dana Farber, Amazon, Home Depot & many other health and wellness providers, educational institutions, legal and financial help, free haircuts from Super Cuts, local food trucks, and much more! Additionally, there is a women's area and free lunch for veterans and their families.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 21, 2024, 9 am - 3 pm  
9:00 am - Registration/Check In, 10:00 am - Opening Ceremony - National Anthem, Veterans Inc. Executive team remarks, Elected Officials, and sponsor recognition, 11:00 am – Surplus Goods/Giveaways Opens, Noon – Lunch

**WHERE:** Veterans Inc. 69 Grove St. Worcester, MA – The Historic National Guard Armory  
**\*\*\*Grove Street, Worcester, will be closed to traffic between Faraday and Salisbury Streets during the Stand Down event. Street Closure will begin at 6am and go till 3pm.**

**About Veterans Inc.**

*Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 100,000 veterans in need. Today, it operates offices and programs in all six states of New England, Montana, and North Dakota. The support services include housing programs, counseling, employment and training, family programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, behavioral health services, transportation, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, and women and childcare services.*

**\*\*\* News media members are welcome to attend and photograph this event\*\*\***

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