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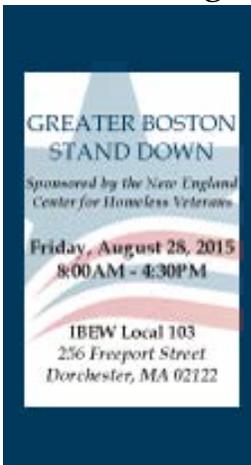


Secretary of Housing & Urban Development Julian Castro visits



United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Julian Castro visited NECHV in July to convene a discussion of the effort to end Veteran Homelessness and to talk with individual Veterans about assistance they have received at the Center. A group of leaders from the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and organizations involved in the "Twenty-Five Cities Initiative" and Mayor Walsh's "Action Plan to End Veteran and Chronic Homelessness in Boston" were invited to NECHV to engage in a formal conversation with Secretary Castro as well as share insights, ideas and suggestions.

NECHV organizing #BostonStandDown on August 28, 2015



The 2015 Greater Boston Stand Down event will be presented by NECHV and the VA Boston Healthcare System on Friday, August 28, 2015 at the IBEW Local 103 in Dorchester, MA. While NECHV has participated in past Stand Down events, 2015 will mark our first time serving as host for this event. The Stand Down is an intensive one day event focusing on delivering immediate, comprehensive and coordinated services to Veterans. In collaboration with over 50 federal, state, and local supportive service agencies, NECHV anticipates serving approximately 800 to 1,000 Veterans and their families who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness. [Visit the event page for more information.](#)

Yahoo! sponsors lunch meal for 350 Veterans



Many thanks to Yahoo! Boston for their generous support in sponsoring a lunch meal for Veteran residents here at the Center. In addition to Yahoo! Boston's meal sponsorship, Uno Due Go employees helped assemble and serve the sandwiches and salads at lunch hour. Volunteers also had the opportunity to engage with Veterans during the lunch meal. The Veterans very much appreciated being served something they would not normally have on a daily basis - the cookies were a big hit too!

YogaJack provides workshops for Veterans at NECHV



This spring, YogaJack started providing weekly yoga classes to Veterans here at the Center. Their highly skilled team of instructors and volunteers have put together a wonderful program that engages both the mobile and mobility-disabled with simple exercises to calm the mind and invigorate the body. We are grateful to YogaJack for introducing this program to Veterans here at NECHV!

Senior Wellness Program marks 40 years since Vietnam War

The week prior to Memorial Day was dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, with the Senior Wellness Program providing special events to mark this significant milestone. Some attended the Sons of the American Legion Salute to the Vietnam Veterans Dinner in Newton, MA. Others participated in cemetery and memorial visits with opportunities to join together in remembrance and discuss how they want to continue to be acknowledged for their service. Over 130 Veterans participated in these NECHV-sponsored events.

NECHV Construction Update: Lobby always open!



Construction is underway! The photo at left shows the front desk and lobby with extensive staging in place to allow for a new Mezzanine level to be built above. The construction will not displace any Veterans who call NECHV home, allowing the Center to continue operating and serving Veterans 24/7.

Upcoming Events

[10th Annual Air Force Association \(AFA\)/Jim Bidy Golf Tournament](#) Stow Country Club, Stow, July 30, 2015

[Steve Costello Memorial Run/Walk](#) Cape Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay, August 8, 2015

[Greater Boston Stand Down](#) IBEW Local 103, Dorchester, August 28, 2015



[Check out our calendar of events!](#)

Gifts of Note

Thank you to Brighton Elks Lodge for a fabulous evening fundraiser featuring the Chris Stovall Brown Band and dancing to benefit NECHV. We appreciate their longstanding support in helping NECHV provide resources for Veterans in Boston!



David Young, KPMG; Andy McCawley, NECHV; Traci Spooner, KPMG

Members of the KPMG Veterans Network stopped by the Center last week with a generous donation. We thank them for their support!



Thank you to Allston Brighton Vets for their generous support of fellow Veterans!

Photo: Margaret Kantowitz of NECHV & Rick Holahan, Liaison for Boston Veterans Advisory Council.

13th Annual
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November 4, 2015

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