President’s Note

Happy Spring, Everyone. As we prepared to launch this edition of our newsletter, I arrived at my first “Stop the Presses” moment. On Monday, April 1st, an article in the Boston Globe by Real-Estate Beat Writer Tim Logan detailed how nonprofit organizations are being squeezed out of Boston offices as rents surge. As I read the piece, I paused, but wasn’t surprised. After all, The Residences at Brighton Marine are designed to help veterans find housing suited to their income level because housing in Boston is just too expensive. For several years, Brighton Marine has offered office and clinical space for organizations that align with our mission of serving military and veteran families. Our intent is to create a supportive community where multiple services are available for military and veteran clients and organizations can work together to make greater impact. One small example of that is our private case management area (Click here for the virtual tour). The fact is, we provide mission-aligned organizations the opportunity to remain in Boston and ease the burden on those they serve with easy access to public transportation and parking. We have a strong story to tell here at Brighton Marine and my hope is that more join us as the story continues to unfold.

Michael Dwyer, President & CEO

Colonel’s Corner

Spring is here, and our campus’s physical appearance and efforts are growing and emerging anew along with nature. If you have not visited in a while, we invite you to come by. From a new west entrance on the Hawes Building to the upcoming courtyard landscaping and, of course, four floors of the new apartment building framed, we are anxious to keep moving ahead - spring fever? This growth does not end with what you can see but also extends into the Greater Boston Coordinated Veterans Services network – our collective efforts to simplify assistance to military members, veterans and their families. I am excited and grateful that we continue to see increases in service providers joining the list of “in network” services. This is great news for our military, veteran and family members who have this “one door” to access multiple resources. It reassures me – and I hope you as well – that there is value in working together. Thank you to all our partners for your commitment to the collective effort.

Bob Notch, Program Development Officer

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 9
North Shore Community College Veteran Resource Fair

Friday, May 10
Hanscom AFB Military Retiree Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 18
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center Veteran Center Open House

Saturday, June 15
Women Veterans Network of Massachusetts Annual Conference, Springfield
Changes to Campus

The new west entrance to the Hawes Building.

Honoring Tommy Lyons

We’d be remiss to not recognize a longtime supporter of Brighton Marine and the Veteran community, Tommy Lyons. He was recently honored by being selected as the John W. McCormack Award at the South Boston Citizen’s Association’s 139th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet. Lyons’ contribution to serving his country and his fellow veterans is unparalleled. He recently retired from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency as VP of External Affairs. From 1995 to 2002, Lyons was the Executive Director of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. He served as Commissioner for Veterans’ Services for the City of Boston from 1984 to 1995. Tommy currently serves as a board director at Brighton Marine.

A native of South Boston, he graduated from South Boston High School in 1967 and shortly thereafter, joined the US Marine Corps with 5 neighborhood friends. Lyons served in the US Marine Corps from 1967 to 1969 and is a combat Veteran with a tour of duty in Vietnam. After his active duty service, Lyons began a decades-long drive to support Veterans in a number of capacities. Congrats to Tommy. Well-deserved recognition.

Job Postings

Brighton Marine is looking for a number of qualified individuals to join our team in a variety of capacities. Positions include Information and Referral Specialist, Security Officer, Landscape Gardener and Interns.

For more information, please visit: https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/List/3155/Brighton-Marine-Health-Center
Coordinated Veteran Services

Total Providers: 30

We are proud to announce three additional providers to the Greater Boston Coordinated Veterans Services network! This network establishes one door for military, veterans and family members to access multiple services without having to repeat their story and intake process. For providers, it provides visibility of their client’s journey through resolution. They include:

1. Framingham State University Veterans Services
   https://www.framingham.edu/student-life/veteran-services/
   Framingham State University is a state university with many different degree programs. The Office of Veteran Services assists military, veterans, and their family members to attain their educational goals.

2. Skate for the 22
   https://www.skateforthe22.org/
   Skate for the 22 is an organization with a mission to reduce the veteran suicide rate by providing Hockey experiences at no cost to veterans to get them back into a supportive, team-oriented environment. They provide suicide prevention seminars, financial aid, scholarships and other support to families of veterans who died by suicide and raise community awareness of veteran suicide issues.

3. Team Red, White & Blue - Boston
   https://www.teamrwb.org/
   Team Red, White & Blue - Boston enriches the lives of America’s veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. This is one of two Team RWB chapters in Massachusetts.