President’s Note

Greetings from Brighton Marine,

Last quarter, I opined on the importance of Company Culture and Teamwork and how these attributes contribute to defining a company’s brand.

It is my pleasure today to introduce to you Derrick Hassell, a talented and committed 40 plus years employee at Brighton Marine, who epitomizes teamwork and dedication to mission.

Michael Dwyer, President & CEO

Employee Spotlight: Derrick Hassell

Derrick Hassell, our do-it-all, Maintenance Mechanic, has been with us at Brighton Marine for 42 years. He has seen a lot of changes here on campus! He started working here as a summer job when he was kid and has been here ever since! Derrick was born in North Carolina and raised in Brighton and has learned the value of giving back over the years working here.

Click here to learn more about Derrick’s role here at Brighton Marine.

Residences Initial Fill Deadline Approaching

We need your help!

October 1, 2019 is the last day to apply for the initial fill of Residences at Brighton Marine. We’d love to see more families for the 2 and 3 bedroom units apply. Please encourage any military members or veterans to apply online now at www.LiveBrightonMarine.com. All are welcome to visit the leasing office in Building 2 or call 617.586.3178 to see finishes, proposed rental rates or just ask questions.
Coordinated Veteran Services

Veterans Supportive Housing Project Moves Forward

Brighton Marine received approval of 25 Units of Housing for Veterans and Support Service Delivery Coming to Campus by Spring 2020. To read more about the housing project, click here.

Colonel’s Corner

Perseverance.

On August 28, I had the privilege to attend the dedication of the Major General George William Casey Amphitheater in Allston. It was a powerful event focused on community, family, sacrifice and service. During that ceremony, I also learned that it took twelve years for the memorial to evolve from an idea to an institution. Twelve years. I think about the energy, the focus and unwavering commitment that it took to see the project through its many unspoken ups and downs and likely periods of disinterest.

With that in mind, I look toward the future. Within 6 months, we will have military and veteran families on campus. Within 9 months, we will be joined by an additional 25 formerly homeless veterans. These are great goals; however, I don’t see this as our final destination, but rather a part of our foreseeable journey. What lies beyond, is the long game. Our driving force. Our focus on serving uniformed service members, veterans and their families. It may take some time to find the right partner organizations to fill open space on campus. It may take even longer for local veterans to think of Brighton Marine and its partners first when navigating life’s challenges. I ask that we remind ourselves to stay the course. To continue our collaboration. To persevere. To remember: We are all part of A Veteran Network Community.

Bob Notch, Program Development Officer

If you’ve been away from our campus this summer you will be pleasantly surprised to find an improved courtyard. We are not quite finished yet, but we think the transformation is fantastic! What do you think?

Employee Spotlight: Welcome Denzel

Have you met our newest employee and Navy veteran, Denzel Douglas, our talented Information & Referral Specialist? When a client comes in, Denzel is typically the first person they meet. He walks through client needs and coordinates the right course of action to match the individual’s needs.

Click here to learn more about Denzel’s role here at Brighton Marine.

Courtyard Improvements

July 31st marked our seventh quarter of an active network of providers using a software platform to track and coordinate veteran casework and referrals. This also marks the end of a two-year pilot program with the software. Based on unanimous requests from providers in the network, we are continuing support to the Greater Boston Coordinated Veterans Services (www.coordinatedvetservices.org).

We current collaborate with 34 service providers using the network platform. Ten of those providers represent city Veteran Services Officers, including our most recent addition to the network – Watertown Veteran Services.

We look forward to the end of this quarter, marking our second full year of activation. Stay tuned for that update!