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PRESS RELEASE - TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

Help For Families of Activated Troops in Westborough

Paul Horrigan, Chairman of the WVAB, announced that the Board is gathering contact information for the families of Westborough Military personnel. The Board wants to be ready to provide assistance, in any form needed, if and when the need arises. They are seeking families of all Active Duty members serving at distance from the town, all Reserve/National Guard service members activated during the current crisis, and any veteran living in Westborough. Any information gathered this way will be kept confidential.

"Travel and communication has become more difficult during these times and families dealing with restrictions have an increased burden beyond that which they deal with during normal times. We are interested in helping these "left behind" families in any way we can" stated Horrigan. We also would like to ensure that we have the name, address and email of all veterans living in town to assist them in any way that we can.

The Board, comprised of 9 Westborough veterans and the Veteran Service Officer, is requesting that family members contact the Westborough Veterans Service Officer, John Gallinagh – 508-366-3085 or email jgallinagh@centralmassvets.org. with all contact information of the family/service member. The Board will only use the information to stay in contact with the family to check on their status, offer support, or send notices of other help available.

All Westborough military families are invited to respond and become part of this support effort for our town's military families. If you know of a family with someone away in service, please respond on behalf of them to the contact information above.

The Mission Statement of the Veterans Advisory Board follows:

The WVAB advocates for veterans of all wars and conflicts to ensure every veteran in Westborough is treated with dignity and respect, promulgates information about benefits and policies as they pertain to Westborough veterans, raises awareness about veterans throughout our community, and renders assistance to the District Director of Veterans' Services upon request. For Town celebratory activities like (but not limited to) Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, the WVAB takes the lead in planning and execution. The Westborough Veterans' Advisory Board (WVAB) seeks to make our community a remarkable place for a veteran to call "home." **Contact John Gallinagh at Westborough Veterans Advisory Board**

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