

# VETERANS OPEN HOUSE & TOWN HALL MEETING!



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 3-6pm**  
**Quincy VA Clinic**  
**110 W. Squantum Street**

- ★ Free Hearing/Blood Pressure/Hep C Tests
- ★ Disability Claims
- ★ State & VA Benefits Info
- ★ Refreshments
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- ★ VA Healthcare = No deductibles, No premiums!

\*Virtual Town Hall, 3:30-4:30 with the Director, VA Boston Healthcare



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1st Annual  
**Veteran Entrepreneur  
Pitch Competition**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2017 • 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner \$5,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner \$3,000**

**Crowd Favorite \$1,000**

***The Competition***

The Venture Café and Suburban Resources, in conjunction with our event sponsors, Massachusetts Veteran's Edge and WS Development, are proud to announce the first annual Veteran Entrepreneur Pitch Competition. This event will provide the opportunity for five veteran-owned companies to present their businesses to a panel of angel investors and a chance to win money to boost their ventures.

Participating Veteran founders in the Pitch Competition will have invaluable access to industry experts who provide extensive feedback, guidance, and assistance in further defining their pitch.

Each 15-minute presentation will include a company pitch, followed by Q & A from the judges and the audience.

Join us for an evening of networking, collaboration, and an exciting look into the veteran entrepreneur community.

***The Judges***



Joe Caruso



George Mabry



Teresa Nelson



David Verrill

**Register for the competition:**

<http://bit.ly/VESPitchCompetitionEntry>

**Register to attend:**

<http://bit.ly/VESPitchCompetitionAttend>

**Learn more about the series:**

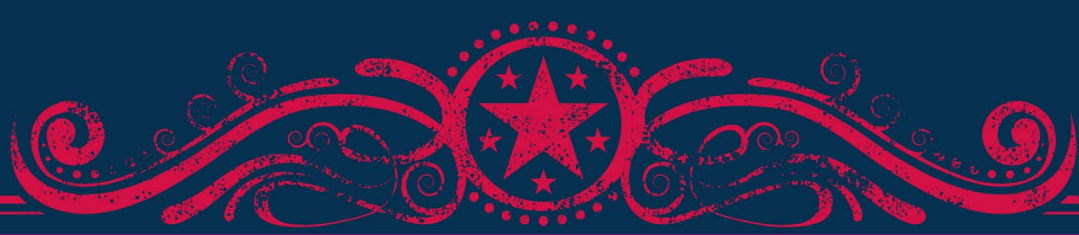
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# **“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN”**

## **UNITED STATES MARINE BAND**

**Tuesday, October 10 @ 7:30PM**

**FAC Concert Hall, UMass Amherst**

**FREE to all- tickets required**

**Visit FAC Box Office, or call 413-545-2511**

**Directed by UMass alum,  
Col. Jason K. Fettig ('97, '98)**

**Free Masterclass with Marine Band members, 4:30-5:30PM**

**Visit [umass.edu/music/events](http://umass.edu/music/events) for details**

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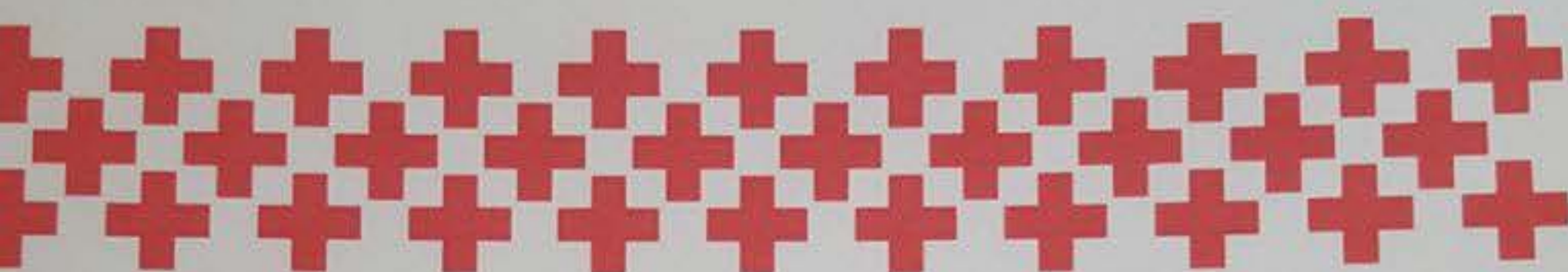


**[www.twitter.com/marineband](http://www.twitter.com/marineband)**



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**PFC John M. Sullivan - VFW  
Post 10334 Blood Drive**

American Red Cross Bloodmobile  
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**Sunday, October 8, 2017  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.**

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*Major General Gary W. Keefe  
The Adjutant General  
Massachusetts National Guard*

*requests the honor of your presence at the  
State Command Sergeant Major  
Transfer of Responsibility Ceremony*

*At which time,  
CSM Carlos Ramos-Rivera  
will transfer responsibility to  
CSM Gregory Widberg*

*on Sunday, the fifteenth of October  
two thousand and seventeen  
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

*Joint Force Headquarters  
Assembly Hall A  
2 Randolph Road  
Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts*

*RSVP by 9 October 2017  
POC: CSM Peter Chase  
Commercial: 339-202-3103  
[peter.k.chase.mil@mail.mil](mailto:peter.k.chase.mil@mail.mil)*

*Military: Duty Uniform  
Civilian: Business Attire*





**"THE PRESIDENT'S OWN"**  
UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

**FREE CONCERT**

**Thursday, October 19 - 7pm**  
**Springfield Symphony Hall**

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**Tickets available at**  
**[marineband.ticketleap.com/usmbtourspringfield](http://marineband.ticketleap.com/usmbtourspringfield)**

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# Be a Part of the Solution

**Participate in a research study to evaluate the I WAS THERE Film Workshop and help support fellow Veterans**

Help support your fellow veterans by participating in an evaluation of the **I WAS THERE Film Workshop**. As a participant in a full weekend workshop, you will collaborate with fellow Veterans and professional film instructors to conceive, shoot, and edit a **short film**.

The workshop will be led by The Patton Veterans Project founder and author/filmmaker **Benjamin Patton** (grandson of General S. Patton, Jr. and son of MG George S. Patton) and his skilled team of filmmakers who will guide you and help facilitate your creative process.

Find out more at: [www.iwastherefilms.org](http://www.iwastherefilms.org)



*"This program broke ranks, it broke what branch you're from. It actually reveals the vulnerabilities of being a person underneath that uniform." -Captain, Air Force*

*Over a very short period of time you will learn more about yourself, you will make some great friends, you will experience some things you might not have been able to experience or speak about previously and be able to put them down on film." -Lieutenant Colonel, Army*

## Save The Dates: October 20-22 and 27-29

Two workshops will be held at UMass Lowell, 200 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA  
Each workshop will run Friday 6-9pm, Saturday and Sunday 9-5pm.  
**Participants must attend all sessions.**

Your participation in the workshop will be part of a research study to evaluate the effectiveness of these workshops in helping Veterans share service-related challenges and experiences through film. The study will include 3 in-person interviews with a research team member, one immediately before the workshop and 2 follow-up interviews after the workshop weekend. You will be compensated for your participation in each interview. Participation in the research study is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time without consequence.

Any Post 9/11 Veteran is welcome to apply. Participation in the workshop is available separate from the study.  
**For more information, please call: 781-687-4192**



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# VET *Together*

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cinemark, Hampshire Mall, 367 Russell Street Hadley, MA 01035

Register for tickets at:

[www.vfw-moph.eventbrite.com](http://www.vfw-moph.eventbrite.com)

\$5 fee for tickets will be **REFUNDED**  
when you pick up your tickets at the theater

Ticket Pick Up: 5:00pm

Doors Open: 5:30pm

Movie Showing: 6:00pm

Directly after the movie  
there will be food served at:

**Earl J. Sander VFW Post 754**  
457 Main Street  
Amherst, MA. 01002



# Vet Center





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**VETERANS**

**DINNER DANCE**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2017  
5:30PM-11:00PM**



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**TICKETS \$45PP**

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# VETS for VETS

*Join the effort to Serve your fellow Vets*

## North Shore Veterans Summit

Community Networking for Veterans & Families

**HEALTH CARE INFORMATION**

**LOCAL VETERANS NETWORKS**

**FINANCIAL & LEGAL RESOURCES**

**Saturday, October 14th**

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**North Shore Community College**

**300 Broad St. Lynn MA**

## Keynote Speakers:

**Kevin Flike**



Staff Sgt. Kevin Flike (US Army, ret.) is a former Green Beret with two combat deployments to Afghanistan. On September 25, 2011, he was wounded in combat, leaving him with debilitating injuries. He speaks about life lessons learned through his recovery and return to civilian life.

**Lawrence Kirby**



Plt.Sgt. Lawrence F. Kirby (USMC, ret.) served as an advance scout in some of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific campaign - Guam, Bougainville and Iwo Jima. He speaks about how his military experience impacts his view of life and service to others.





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## **VA Boston Healthcare System**

# **VETERAN RE-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **Need Help?...Give Us A Chance**

**MISSION:** To provide meaningful vocational opportunities for Veterans by discussing their work history, current work life and work interests. The Community Employment Coordinator can then identify and refer to appropriate community resources, or continue to work with the Veteran if such resources are not immediately identified in order to increase the one's capacity to function in a job of his/her choice.

### **Training Resources Available**

- Resume Writing   - Interview Training   - Goal Setting
- Employment Counseling   - Job Placement

**\*\*\* Visit Our Drop-In Clinic \*\*\***

**Jamaica Plain VA— Wednesday, 1PM - 3PM, Room C3-21A**  
**Friday, 10AM – 1PM, Room C3-21A**

**Brockton VA— Tuesday, 8AM – 11AM, Building 7, Room 104**  
**Thursday, 9AM – 3PM, Building 7, Room 104**



Community Employment Coordinator  
**Charles Franklin** (Brockton)

**Brockton VA Medical Campus**

940 Belmont Avenue  
BLDG 7 1st Floor Conference Rm  
Brockton, MA 02301

Phone: **774.826.3069**   Cell: **617.631.2658**

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# **Remember Them, Honor Them**



**Help us honor SSG Darren J. Cunningham and  
SGT William J. Woitowicz  
Of Groton, Massachusetts by dedicating a  
bench to honor their Service and Sacrifice in  
our Middlesex G.W.O.T. Veteran's Monument  
in Pepperell, Massachusetts.**



**Join us at our Bench  
Fundraiser to Honor Groton's  
G.W.O.T. Fallen Heroes**

**November 18, 2017**

**Groton Country Club**

**94 Lover's Lane, Groton, Ma  
01450**

**7pm-Midnight**

**Tickets \$20**

**Live music featuring The  
Tastes Like Chicken Band**

**Raffles**