

**From the CEO
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**NEW ENGLAND CENTER
FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

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PROVIDING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH THE TOOLS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING



MAY ... The Marines Have Landed ... And the situation is well in hand !



NECHV President and CEO, Larry Fitzmaurice

The first week in May is Marine Week in Boston. During this time there will be many events in the City for the public to enjoy. Marines will be volunteering on three different occasions here at the Center, for which we are grateful. Please see the announcement on our website for details of the week's activities.

We are giving management attention to tailoring some of our programs to respond to the unique needs of the returnees from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. These veterans tend to be younger than many of our other clients and display an eagerness to more rapidly transition into employment and independent housing.

Consideration is being given to adding more SRO (Single Residence Occupancy) apartment space within our building in order to move those returnees who are ready for independent housing and who might prefer to be housed with their peer age group. We would then provide "wrap around" clinical caseworker and training support as needed to the SRO residents in a *Housing First* model.

In order to accomplish this, our Major Gift program will need to raise funds beyond our regular donor base. Bob Minetti, Vice President and Philanthropic Advisor, will work together with Karl See, Vice President for Development, and his staff to identify specific needs and donors who might be interested in funding these specific needs.

We will be reaching out to other veterans' shelters and organizations who may want to refer veterans returning from the current conflict to our programs.

Please note: All funds are raised internally by our Development staff. No outside companies are used.

AND ...

Thanks, as always, to our Board for their support, the Gold Star Mothers, staff, volunteers and our generous benefactors. And, to our respected clients, **keep up the good work that you are doing and take advantage of what is offered here including the training programs. Stay strong and persevere!**

Larry

**Laurence D. Fitzmaurice
President and CEO**