

**From the CEO
July, 2009**



**NEW ENGLAND CENTER
FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

17 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108 617-371-1800 www.nechv.org
PROVIDING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH THE TOOLS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING



JULY ... A New Fiscal Year ... A new Decade !



The Fourth of July is a time for celebration and there is much to celebrate at the **New England Center for Homeless Veterans**.

We join with our fellow citizens in commemorating the 233rd year of our country's independence and remember the sacrifices made by our veterans, their families and supporting citizens over the years that allow us the freedom to have yet another fabulous fourth!

July also ushers in the 21st year of our existence. You may see from the timeline in our Annual Report link on the website, that we have grown from the **Vietnam Veterans' Workshop, Inc.** (this is still our incorporated name) to the **New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans** to what in 2009 became the **New England Center for Homeless Veterans (NECHV)**.

This evolution reflects the maturing of the organization to a full service **Center**. We hope that our founders are proud of what many folks have contributed over the years to their bold initiative of twenty years ago.

Our Board and staff are grateful for the many government funders, corporations, foundations, volunteers and donors who make it possible for our formerly homeless veterans to receive the care and preparation necessary for independent living beyond **NECHV**. From shelter to Veterans' Training School courses to daily clinical caseworker and addiction counseling to jobs to independent outside living, the Center has long been recognized as a leader in the field.

Our **Model Apartment** was introduced to the public in June which is our innovative bridge from our transitional living at 17 Court Street to full independence in the greater community.

Our **Rental Assistance** program provides for one time grants for clients who need first and last month rental assistance to gain housing. These grants do not have to be repaid and are possible due to the generosity of foundations.

We are encouraged, even in these trying times, that the next ten years will build on what has been accomplished over the first twenty. The year 2019 may find us a different kind of place but we and our successors will stay committed to our Mission, even as it may continue to mature and evolve.

Your financial support is more critical than ever and I hope that you will continue to consider us one of your giving priorities.

Please note: None of our endowment funds are invested with investment advisors. Our modest endowment is invested in CDs and all are covered by FDIC insurance.

AND ...

Thanks, as always, to our Board for their support, the Gold Star Mothers, staff, volunteers and all of 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**