



NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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National Senior Corps Week

Monday—Wednesday May 18-20

Affiliated national programs RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents celebrate the impact of volunteers age 55+ during National Senior Corps Week. RSVP staff invite you to **stop by our office to meet us over coffee and pastries: Monday May 18, Tuesday May 19, or Wednesday May 20 from 9-11am.** View the *Making a Difference for Generations* video at https://youtu.be/qh1x9_Jjev8



Norfolk County RSVP appreciates volunteers year-round! Save the date for our annual luncheon, **Tuesday August 25 at the Lantana in Randolph.**

RSVP Teams Help “Stamp Out Hunger”

Participate in the nation’s largest one-day food drive, run by the National Letter Carrier Association, on Saturday, May 9. Unload groceries collected by mail trucks and sort them into bins for local pantries. Call 781-329-5728 to join this fun group event!

Quincy: 4-7pm at the Kennedy Senior Center
Dedham: noon at Noble and Greenough School

Pictured: 2014 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Quincy.



Seeking RSVP Rides for Veterans Schedulers

If you are comfortable using online spreadsheets, and would like to serve from home or the RSVP office matching veterans with drivers, please call 781-329-5728. Sign up 1 day per week (usually 2-4 rides). It is very rewarding to get to know our veterans and drivers by phone!

Pictured: Volunteer Susan Sullivan checks out the ride schedule online.



School Meetings and Volunteer Resources

We had great attendance at April school volunteer meetings, with 16 active and new volunteers. Our Braintree meeting is pictured below. Lilly and Joanne are gathering your requests to help improve our school programs in the fall. We’ve posted online resources including videos depicting reading support strategies. Visit norfolkcounty.org/rsvp to check them out!

Lilly and Joanne are planning school partnerships and a volunteer orientation meeting for early September 2015. If you have suggestions for resources and training, or would like to get involved call 781-329-5728. We especially invite calls Thursday and Friday mornings when Joanne volunteers in the office. Thank you!

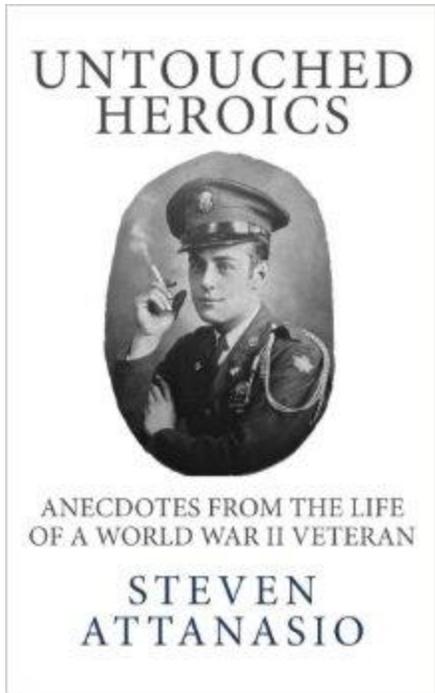


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Second Veteran Book Club to start in Quincy

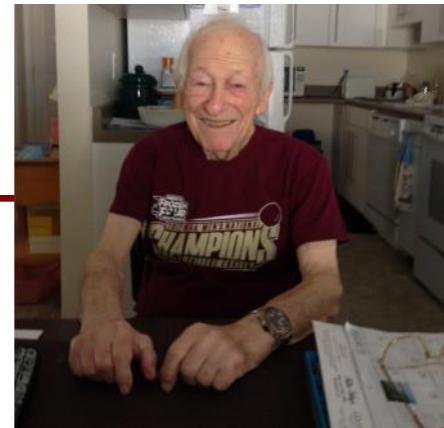
Our next book club meeting is set for Tuesday, May 19th from 2-4:30pm at the Kennedy Senior Center, 440 E. Squantum St. in Quincy. Our featured book is: 'Untouched Heroics: Anecdotes From the Life of a World War II Veteran' by Steven Attanasio. Copies have been generously donated by the author and are available for all participants. All veterans wanting to participate in the club are encouraged to call Norfolk County RSVP, Robert Pierson at 781-234-3445.



Introducing Tom Crawford, Veteran Book Club facilitator

Norfolk County RSVP is pleased to announce Tom Crawford as our lead book club facilitator. Tom is a disabled veteran and college history major with extensive experience as a military history educator. With over twenty years in the Marine Corps, Tom is active in Living History presentations on WWII, the Civil War, the American Revolution,

and Vietnam as his main area of focus. *Pictured: Veteran Book Club facilitator Tom Crawford (right) with fellow educator and Coast Guard veteran Alan.*



Grateful Veteran Ed Daniels of Canton

Ed Daniels likes to laugh and joke around. He is a wiry Navy veteran in constant motion. His positive nature helps him cope with the many doctors' visits he is needing right now. Ed is a frequent user of the Norfolk County RSVP Rides for Veterans program. Ed reflects: "I can't say enough. I am so happy I moved back to Canton to be eligible for your service. Just to know someone cares enough and getting to my doctor's appointments. I'm also happy to get out of the apartment." Several drivers who have brought Ed to appointments had a great time getting to know him, and want to be matched with him again!

The RSVP Rides for Veterans program continues to grow in need. If you have the time to give back by driving a vet, please let us know. Call Robert, at 781-329-5728 for more information. *Pictured: Ed Daniels at his home.*

County Proclamation and Mayors Day

On April 7, cities and counties across the nation participated in the annual Mayors Day and County Day of Recognition for National Service. The day is designed to recognize all volunteers for the work they accomplish and the example they set in our communities.

In honor of all of you, our RSVP volunteers, the Norfolk County Commissioners established a proclamation declaring April 7th as 'Norfolk County Day of Recognition for National Service' stating: "The character of our county is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens. Our many volunteers are a testament to the talented, neighborly, and dedicated spirit that marks the County of Presidents."

Additionally, Mayor Joe Sullivan of Braintree celebrated 'Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service' by welcoming over 15 RSVP volunteers who are serving the town of Braintree and neighboring areas, to



Town Hall and personally thanking them for their meaningful contributions, as community drivers, elementary school volunteers and more.

Pictured: Mayor Joe Sullivan and guests.

New Volunteer Opportunities

Weymouth Food Pantry

- Farmer's Market SNAP Program: Saturdays, June through October.
- Gardening at Glastonbury Abbey: All days: May through September.
- Calling on backyard gardeners to help grow food for the Food Pantry.
- Deliver food in the town of Weymouth to people with disabilities and elderly clients.

Weymouth Elder Services

- Friendly visitors for seniors living alone.
- Volunteer drivers for town van to nearby towns.

NewBridge on the Charles (Dedham)

- Friendly visiting and in facility transport for veteran residents.

Kindred (Dedham)

- Friendly visiting and activities with veteran residents.
- Monthly Men's Group facilitator

If you would like to explore any of these opportunities or are seeking something new in your area, please call the RSVP office at 781-329-5728.