



NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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Activity Packed, Full House at our 2015 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



Lifetime Award recipient Chickie Abdullah being honored by Mayor Koch of Quincy.

Over 270 volunteers and guests attended our annual Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on August 25th at The Lantana in Randolph, enjoying a full lunch, with music by the Jonathan Gaines Quartet and many winning door prizes. A huge thank you to Jake Comer, former National Commander of the American Legion, for delivering a very inspiring keynote address. And a well deserved congratulations to Chickie Abdullah who received the first Norfolk County RSVP Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of over 20 years of outstanding volunteer leadership service for the Quincy area. Thanks to Tami Allen of the Dedham Troubadors, who led her singing group along with the Weymouth Chorale Group and Walpole Senior Moments in song at the close of the event. With gratitude, we thank our sponsors for their donations to help defray the cost of the event. Leadership

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New Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP School Volunteers

- In September RSVP collects requests from school districts throughout Norfolk County, and matches them with RSVP members waiting to serve in elementary school classrooms.
- Starting this year RSVP has a special focus on 4 'cluster' schools in Norfolk County whose principals expressed a strong interest in increasing their school volunteer numbers. They are: Riverdale School in Dedham; Donovan School in Randolph; Old Post Road School in Walpole; and Pingree School in Weymouth.
- If you missed our August 12 meeting and would like to join the school program this fall, please call Cris Goldsmith at 781-234-3447 as soon as possible to be included.

Long-Term Care Visitors, Money Managers and Ombudsmen

- Visit Veterans in Retirement Facilities.
- Assist elders with managing their money and record keeping at home.
- Be trained to mediate concerns between nursing home residents and their facilities.



RSVP volunteers at our School Orientation 8/12

Introducing Cris Goldsmith, Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Coordinator

Norfolk County welcomes Cris Goldsmith to our staff as RSVP's Volunteer Coordinator. His special focus with RSVP is school volunteering. Cris is passionate about serving and working with senior volunteers. For the past five years, he has served as a lay minister to a 400-member congregation where he has co-lead their volunteer support services. As a former business consultant, he has advised a variety of non-profit organizations in their marketing and volunteer efforts. Previously, he worked closely with "Seniors for Seniors", a national pet adoption agency that matches live-alone seniors with older pets needing a home and as a driver for "The Ride". Cris is married with two wonderful children and Oscar, a cute but rather noisy cockatiel. Cris can be reached directly at 781-234-3447 or by email at cgoldsmith@norfolkcounty.org.



RSVP is funded in part by a national Senior Corps grant and sponsored by the Norfolk County Commissioners:

- Peter H. Collins of Milton, Commissioner
- John M. Gillis of Quincy, Commissioner
- Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham, Chairman

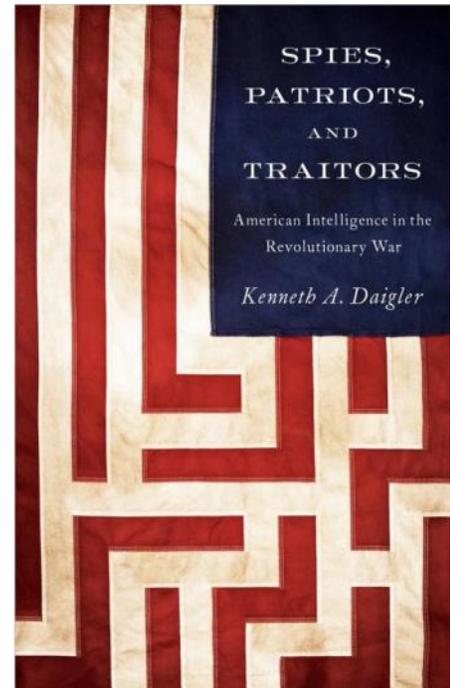
Veteran Book Club author talk on October 7 in Dedham

The staff of Norfolk County RSVP are pleased to announce our very first 'Author Talk' for our Veteran Book Clubs. Kenneth A. Daigler is the author of "Spies, Patriots, and Traitors: American Intelligence in the Revolutionary War". Ken will be speaking about the birth of American Intelligence in his presentation to be held on **Wednesday, October 7th at 5:45-7:15 PM at VFW Hall in Dedham.**

Publisher Georgetown University Press will be donating copies of Ken's book for our club participants. Books will be sent out the week of September 14th. Book group discussion is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 20th at 6-8 PM at VFW Hall in Dedham.**

Kenneth A. Daigler is a retired career CIA operations officer. He has a BA in History from Centre College of Kentucky, an MA in History from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and served in the US Marine Corps.

All are welcome!! Please call the Norfolk County RSVP office at 781-329-5728 For more information and to reserve your space.



Norfolk County RSVP Rides for Veterans Drivers Needed

Volunteer drivers transport Veterans to important medical appointments that they would not be able to get to without volunteer support. RSVP is seeking drivers from the Weymouth, Cohasset, Medway, Franklin and Bellingham areas to help. Very flexible schedule with mileage reimbursement. Please call us at 781-329-5728 for details.

RSVP Office Contacts

Robert Pierson, RSVP Director 781-234-3445, rpierson@norfolkcounty.org Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Including all Veterans Programs.

Cris Goldsmith, Volunteer Coordinator 781-234-3447, cgoldsmith@norfolkcounty.org Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. With special focus on School Volunteering.

Sally O'Connell, Information Specialist 781-234-3448, soconnell@norfolkcounty.org Monday-Wednesday 8am-1pm. Handling timesheets and mileage check requests.

Joanne Kaerwer Douglas, Lead School Volunteer 781-329-5728 jmkdoug@me.com Thursday-Friday 10-1pm.

RSVP Advisory Committee Members

- Bettyanne Lang of Weymouth, Chair
- Claire Howsberger of Weymouth, Co-Chair
- Debra Fradkin of HESSCO Elder Services
- Patricia Hyman of Canton
- Diane Daria of Dedham
- Dorothy Leonard of Dedham
- Florence Preisler of Dedham
- Lillian Simons of Dedham
- Iva Hayes of Dover
- Gary Hodgson of Norfolk
- Dolly Colella of Quincy

A special thank you to our committee members for hosting our recognition luncheon. And a big Kudos to RSVP office volunteers Roberta Poff and Laura Kulas for their great assistance at the event.

VOLUNTEER !!!

RSVP Helps Homeless Veterans at Dorchester "Stand Down" August 28

Stand Downs are one-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA benefits counseling. They are coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

Norfolk County RSVP volunteer Joe Leason delivered items for homeless vets that were donated by attendees at our August 25th Volunteer Recognition. Over 400 toothbrushes, toothpastes, shampoos, combs and shaving supplies were collected at the event and distributed to Homeless Veterans at the August 28th Stand Down event in Dorchester. Thanks to everyone who generously donated these items and to Joe for transporting them to Dorchester for homeless veterans.



Set up for the Dorchester Stand Down, August 27; day before the event

Insurance Reminder

Norfolk County RSVP covers its members with liability and supplemental auto liability insurance while on assignment, as well as accident insurance for volunteer-related injuries. **If you have an incident that may require insurance**, please call us as soon as possible to file a report

