



VA Boston Healthcare System OEF/OIF Bulletin

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*****Welcome Home and Thank You for Your Service*****



Theresa and Elizabeth O'Doherty

Sisters with a lot in common...

Sisters **Elizabeth and Theresa O'Doherty** have a lot in common. The sisters are both **Army Veterans**, **Regis College** graduate students (Family Nurse Practitioners), and have done several medical/nursing rotations for the **VA BHS**. The sisters take great pride with being Veterans and reaching out to fellow Veterans through Nursing. The sisters also lecture about their military experiences. They see the importance to positively relate with other Service-members, the growing female Veteran population, along with the public to address issues like **PTSD** and **TBI**. Lastly, they wanted to share, "We love the VA Healthcare System. We both receive excellent care through the VA, and hope to provide that same excellent care to all Veterans."

the following information and photo was provided by Jody Fisher, Public Affairs Contact for the Fisher House...

Fisher House Foundation and Boston Celtics Announce Partnership to Support Boston Fisher House

"**Fisher House Foundation** announced a partnership with the **Boston Celtics** to support Fisher House Boston. The partnership, the first of its kind between the Foundation and an **NBA** team. Fisher Houses provide free lodging for families of wounded military service men and women seeking treatment at VA hospitals and major military medical centers worldwide." "For 20 years, Fisher House has supported our military service men and women. It is a responsibility we take very seriously and have accepted as our duty and obligation. With the support of local communities and organizations like the Celtics, we're able to do so much more to give back and give thanks to those who risk their lives for our freedom. We're grateful for the support." **This past March (28th), a Celtic's home game highlighted the partnership. Fisher House Boston officially opens in June.**



The Fisher House & the Boston Celtics/NBA join forces for a worthy cause.



Open to Homeless & In-need Veterans

This information was provided by VA Employee Steve Cohen (Worcester VA Clinic)...

June 25 & 26, (Friday & Saturday) 2010- **Massachusetts Veterans Inc.** sponsors the 5th Annual **Central MA Stand Down** (Held at the Shrewsbury, MA location). **FREE Services** include: Food, clothing, personal care- items, haircuts, massages, acupuncture, Healthcare Services, Counseling & Legal Services, Employment and Training Opportunities, Housing Programs, and much more.

For More Information: Contact **Joe Boylan** at (508) 791-3273 ext. 105

Or e-mail: joeboylan@veteransinc.org

Photo of the Month:

I welcome what you believe is a great photo. There will be a vote on the best photo from the past year. I look forward to receiving your photo. Again **congrats** to the past year's winner, **Jeremy Shea**.

Before sending a photo:

Please contact me for photo requirements and specifications.



This month's photo was submitted by VA BHS Employee (West Roxbury Campus), **Jeffrey Clark**.

As part of **OIF 2004**, Jeffrey served with the **11th Marines Expeditionary Unit** at Forward Observation Base, Duke, An Najaf, Iraq. Jeff cautiously holds and presents a friend he encountered.

This monthly bulletin is published courtesy of the Latest Generation Committee. Its purpose is to show support for returning **OEF/OIF** Veterans among Employees, their Families and Friends. If you would like to submit (info/photos/etc.) or have a question/concern send an e-mail to: Anthony.Falvey@VA.gov

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