



# VA Boston Healthcare System OEF/OIF Bulletin

*"Your interest and participation is the strength of this bulletin."*

July 2009



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

### From the Jamaica Plain Campus:

The 2009 **Stand Down** For Homeless Veterans will be held at Clifford Park, Dorchester, MA on August 28 and 29.

To volunteer or for more information please contact:

Nancy Caruso at (857) 364-6184  
or Gloria Vieira at (857) 364-2717.



**What is a Stand Down?** "In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. Today, Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 275,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets. The hand up, not a hand out philosophy of Stand Down is carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteers and organizations throughout the nation."

### Everyone knows a Servicemember/Veteran



Beverly Trenholm

The Servicemember/Veteran that I have met recently is Beverly Trenholm. Currently, Beverly serves with the Naval Ambulatory Care Clinic (Naval Reserves), Newport, Rhode Island as the Unit's Administrative Officer. Her active duty assignments have included the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT and at the Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center. Additionally, as a Nurse she has cared for patients at the VA BHS for over 29 years. "I love taking care of Veterans," she mentioned. Beverly joins her father who (before her) took care of patients for 35 years.

**Who's a Servicemember/Veteran that you know?**

### Strength of the Bulletin: Readers' Contributions/Thoughts... FAQ's

Hi, my name is Noelle and I work for an organization called **Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled**. We breed, raise, and train Capuchin monkeys (they weigh between 5-9 pounds) to be placed as service animals with people suffering from mobility limiting injuries and illnesses. Our monkeys can live between 30-40 years and therefore spend many years helping their recipients. Last year we placed a monkey with an Iraq War Veteran named Tim. He and his helper monkey, Webster, have become quite the pair. Webster is able to fetch items like a phone or remote to Tim's lap, turn light switches on and off, scratch itches on Tim's face, and even open a drink if Tim is thirsty. If you are interested in finding out more information please go to [www.monkeyhelpers.org](http://www.monkeyhelpers.org) or call me at (617)-787-4419 ext. 105.



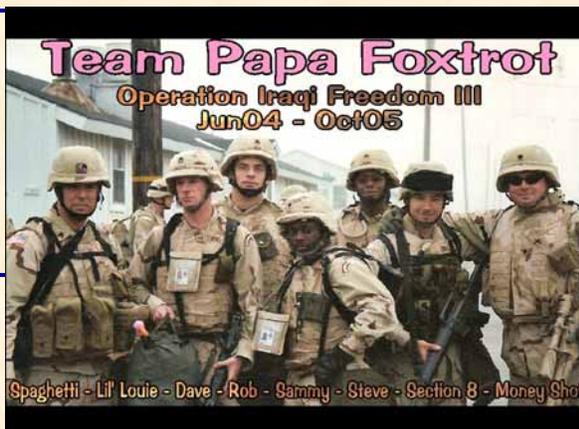
Tim and Webster

### 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.

### Before sending a photo:

Please contact me for photo requirements and specifications.



### This Month's Photo:

"I'm very grateful and very proud to call these guys my friends," submitted by **Iraq Veteran** (serving with the 272 Chemical Company, Camp Curtis Guild, Reading, MA) and **VA BHS Employee, Sam Davis**. "Since our return from Iraq back in 2006, we started meeting up monthly to discuss anything we had with readjusting or just life in general. We continue to do so to this day or events such as group cookouts, paintball to just meeting at a bar and having a few drinks," says Davis.

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](mailto:Anthony.Falvey@VA.gov)

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