



PHILLY SALUTE

A NEWSLETTER OF THE



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VetCorps is here for veterans and their families!

Actively engaging military veterans in their transition to civilian life
November

November is Military Family Appreciation Month!

The Armed Services YMCA of the US government established Military Family Appreciation Month in 1993. Each November, ASYMCA sets aside this month to demonstrate the nation's support and commitment the families of military personnel.

Philly VetCorps' 2nd Annual Unsung Service Awardee - Aronda Smith

Aronda Smith spearheaded a project to create a Women's Veterans Center at the Veterans Multi-Service Center at 4th & Race Streets. She has been a team player at the Center since October 2011. She is an Army veteran deployed for Desert Shield/ Storm as a medic. Aronda is also the first female appointed to the Veterans Advisory Commission. As an active member of the veteran community, she conducts workshops, facilitates City Council Roundtables and has become a highly requested keynote speaker. So with this many accomplishments and commitment to her veteran community, she is our choice for this year's 2013 *Unsung Service Award!*

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Resource Corner

The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, located at 4th & Race Street, has changed its name to the Veterans Multi- Service Center.

Philadelphia Veteran's Advisory Commission

The ongoing goal of the City Council Veteran's Advisory Commission (VAC) is to proactively serve the veterans of our city by providing them with the information they need to ensure that they receive all the benefits they rightfully deserve. They also strive to locate and refer veterans to the appropriate agency of the government, or social service agency, to provide them with the counseling or services they require. Additionally, the Commission maintain continuous contacts with veterans' organizations, as well as governmental and other service providers, to assess the needs of our veterans and to serve as vocal advocates to see those needs are met. For more information:

Wanda Pate - (215) 686-3256; Room 127 City Hall - Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia Veterans' Court

This Municipal Court provides a holistic treatment approach with Veterans defendants. This initiative started with the premise of providing Veterans, involved in the criminal justice system, with a program and services to overcome the challenges they face. Veterans are directed to representatives of the VA, who are on site in one of the courtroom. The VA staff schedule eligible Veterans for an assessment to determine appropriate needs and levels of care and directs them to benefits to which they may be entitled. The assessment determines the Veterans sustainability for an array of VA programs, including any required treatment (alcohol, drug, mental health or medical) as well as housing, job training and job referrals. After consultation with a defense attorney, if an eligible Veteran chooses to accept the terms from the District Attorney office to participate in this voluntary program, the veteran is paired with a Mentor. The Mentor will assist the Veteran working toward a successful resolution of the criminal charges, including a change in life choices, so that future contacts with the criminal justice system can be avoided. For more information about Veteran's Court or to become a Mentor, go to <http://www.courts.phila.gov/veteranscourt/mentorprogram.asp>

Mission: Entrepreneurs Now! (Men)

A 16-week Entrepreneurship Training involving returning Veterans

Learn key principles of success, develop a business plan and receive mentorship and support services.

Orientation date: Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Classes begin Wednesday November 13, 2013

Classes held every Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm

Willie G. Williams Community Center - 1016 South St., Phila. PA

Registration fee: \$30.00 \$40.00 Book fee

For more information, call 267-579-6301 or email info@opportunityphila.org



Job Opportunities

Philadelphia Veteran Job Fair

Thursday, November 7, 2013: 11 am – 3 pm

Lincoln Financial Field

1020 Pattison Avenue

Philadelphia, PA

<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/philadelphia-veteran-job-fair-november-7-2013>

State Rep. Ronald G. Waters - Job/ Career Fair

Friday, November 15 - 10 am to 3 pm

Kipp Charter School (formerly the Turner Middle School)

5900 Baltimore Avenue

Philadelphia, PA

Register: www.pahouse.com/waters or call 215-471-0490

Feds Hire Vets

This website is for veterans interested in federal positions.

www.fedshirevets.gov/job/events/

Military Spouse Employment Partnership

www.msepjobs.com is the new web site specifically for military spouses. Department of Defense has set up a military spouse partnership with employers, currently 79 and growing. This partnership is to ensure quality and professional opportunities equal to skill sets held by spouses, in and around military installations.

Freedom Career Services

This is another face of National Career Fairs and focuses on transitioning military, veterans and diversity candidates. These career fairs are open to the public.

www.freedomcareerfaairs.com

MilitaryHire.com

www.MilitaryHire.com is a website for transitioning and former military



Health Issues & Facts

National News: Army explores predicting suicides as a way of preventing them.

To try and combat suicide among service members, the Army is embarking on a new form of health assessment that aims to predict which soldiers might try to take their lives. The goal is to enable the military to provide mental health counseling and other services tailored to these soldiers. The new tool applies a complex set of risk factors to a computer assessment of soldiers to try to determine who may need special treatment. The computer code for the assessment came from the Army Study to Assess Risk and resilience in Service members (Army STARRS), a broader study of suicide that is one of the largest ever administered by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).



Community Activities

Veterans Day Primer 2013

A Tribute to Veterans Featuring Iconic Film Screening & Program

Thursday , November 7, 2013, 4 to 6 pm

Mitchell Auditorium - Bossone Research Enterprise Center/Drexel University
3128 Market St. Phila. Pa. 19104

For more information: 215-895-6400

Veteran Pizza Party - Thank -A -Vet

November 7, 2013 - 6 pm

Veteran Safe Haven - 2331 N. Broad St.

For more information: thankourveterans@gmail.com

Veterans Day Free Meals

Monday, November 11, 2013

*Chilis*Olive Garden*Red Robin*Shoney's*McCormick & Schmick's*Charlie Brown's Steakhouse*

City of Philadelphia Presents-Veterans Day Observance

Monday, November 11, 2013 - 10 am

Washington Square - 7th & Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA