

The following is a list of upcoming events the VA Providence is hosting or participating in that have been canceled and/or rescheduled...

CANCELED: March 18, 5 – 7 p.m., CfNN at the Providence VAMC presents Mindfulness in Practice, the Brain, and the Clinic, a discussion panel, Hazeltine Commons, Engineering Research Center, Brown University, 345 Brook Street, Providence. The panel will explore the underlying brain mechanisms supporting mindfulness, current research practices, as well as existing and potential future clinical applications of mindfulness. Join us for the panel-style discussion followed by a question and answer session.

CANCELED (will be rescheduled at a later time): March 19, **WHY DO YOU CHOOSE VA?** The Providence VAMC wants Veterans and employees to share why they choose to receive care or work at VA. Tell your story in a 30-second video highlight! Videos will be taped 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the main entrance and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Canteen.

CANCELED: March 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., “Be There for Our Women Veterans” to learn more about YOUR Veterans’ Benefits, Vet Center, 2038 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. For more information and/or questions, call Carla Murchelano at 401.223.3651, 401.965.2019, or via email at carla.murchelano@gmail.com.

CANCELED: March 29, Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day at the Westerly Armory at 1 p.m. Contact: Jean Spoor either via email atjeanspoor@gmail.com or 203-804-6684 by March 18 if you are planning on attending. Guest speaker Col. William Babcock. A Rhode Island native, Babcock served in three major conflicts, including Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star gallantry. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded and a commemorative Vietnam War Veteran 50th Anniversary lapel pin will be given to those Vietnam Veterans in attendance. Light refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

CANCELLED: March 31, 2 – 5 p.m., Veterans and Military Families Outreach Day, **VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES OUTREACH DAY**, RI State House, Law Library, Rotunda. Meet organizations that provide direct services to military veterans and their families. Network with other veterans. Speak to RI legislators. Get your questions answered. Please come to the Library on the second floor to hear our panel discuss hot issues for our community. **FREE.** Open to the public. POC: Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson, (401) 952-7340 or (401) 222-1729.

RESCHEDULED for Sept. 15: ~~April 7~~, Martha’s Vineyard Veteran Town Hall, 4:30 – 6 p.m., American Legion in Vineyard Haven

RESCHEDULED for Sept. 30: ~~April 14~~, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., “Be There for Service Members, Veterans, and Families: Strengthening Our Community Conference”, Southbridge Conference Center, Southbridge, Massachusetts. For more information, contact Shara Katsos, at 781.687.3216, or Becky Dreifuss at 781.687.2176.

To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bethere-for-service-members-veterans-families-strengthening-communities-tickets-88494693009>.

CANCELED: April 17 & 18, Disabled American Veterans Convention, Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, R.I.

Also, please note that all local Social Security offices will be closed to the public for in-person service starting today, Tuesday, March 17, 2020. During this closure, you can use online

services available at www.socialsecurity.gov/online services or call the national 800 number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).