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TOWNS OF ACTON AND BOXBOROUGH

# VETERANS' SERVICES

Greetings Acton and Boxborough Veterans,

I'd like to take a moment to remind you that I'm here as a resource for all of you. Whether you have questions about benefits, need assistance with filing a VA disability claim, are facing financial or medical challenges, or are seeking therapy resources, please know that our conversations are always confidential.

Enclosed in this mailing, you'll find information about local veteran events, Veterans Day ceremonies, available benefits, and more. I hope you find these resources helpful, and please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

James R. MacRae, *District Director*  
Acton and Boxborough Veterans' Services

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### Veterans Day in Acton

**Tuesday, November 11 @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Isaac Davis Monument**

The Town of Acton's Veteran Services Department, as well as the Celebrations and Ceremonies Committee, invite you to join us for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will be observed on Tuesday, November 11th at 11am. Please park behind Town Hall or behind the Fire Station. The ceremony will take place outdoors (weather permitting) by the Isaac Davis monument on the town common. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the ceremony to the Faulkner room inside town hall. All are encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us in paying reverence to our nations' heroes.

### Veterans Day in Boxborough

**Tuesday, November 11 @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Sargent Memorial Library**

**427 Massachusetts Avenue**

The Town of Boxborough cordially invites town Veterans and residents to attend the 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11th at the Veterans' Tribute Memorial at Sargent Memorial Library, 427 Massachusetts Avenue. The ceremony begins promptly at 11 AM, rain or shine. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Parking is available at the library parking lot and at Blanchard Memorial School. If parking at the school, use the bridge walkway to get to the ceremony site.

The Veterans' Day ceremony recognizes the commitment and dedication of Boxborough's veterans and their families. The Town looks forward to honoring all of those who have served in our Armed Forces.



### Thirteenth Annual Acton-Boxborough Veterans Day Breakfast

**Tuesday, November 11 @ 8:15 a.m.**

**AB High School, Stearns Lower Gym  
36 Charter Road**

Hosted by ABRHS Honor Society and the AB Rotary Club. Doors open at 8:15am. Ceremonies and light breakfast will begin at 8:30am. Please register by emailing Courtney Carp at [ccarp@abschools.org](mailto:ccarp@abschools.org) or call the High School at (978) 264-3300, Ext. 44219. Do not leave a message; just call back.



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### Bugles Across America

**First Sunday of Every Month @ 4:00 p.m.  
War Memorial Site, next to Acton Fire  
Station**

On the first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m., we gather at our War Memorial Site, next to the Acton Fire Station across from the Common, to honor all our fallen men and women. All are invited to attend.

Check out our websites:  
[buglesacrossamerica.org](http://buglesacrossamerica.org) and [buglecall.org](http://buglecall.org).

In closing, let's never forget the fallen. Run locally by Dave Lunger: (781) 775-9922.

### Seeking Veteran Speakers for Town Events

We're reaching out to members of our Veteran community who may be interested in speaking at upcoming Veteran events in Acton or Boxborough. We hope to include voices from a wide range of military backgrounds and experiences to reflect the diversity and strength of our Veteran population.

Additionally, if you know a Veteran who deserves recognition for their service or contributions to the community, we would be grateful to receive those nominations.

If you're interested or would like to share a recommendation, please contact my office at (978) 929-6614 or email [vso@actonma.gov](mailto:vso@actonma.gov).





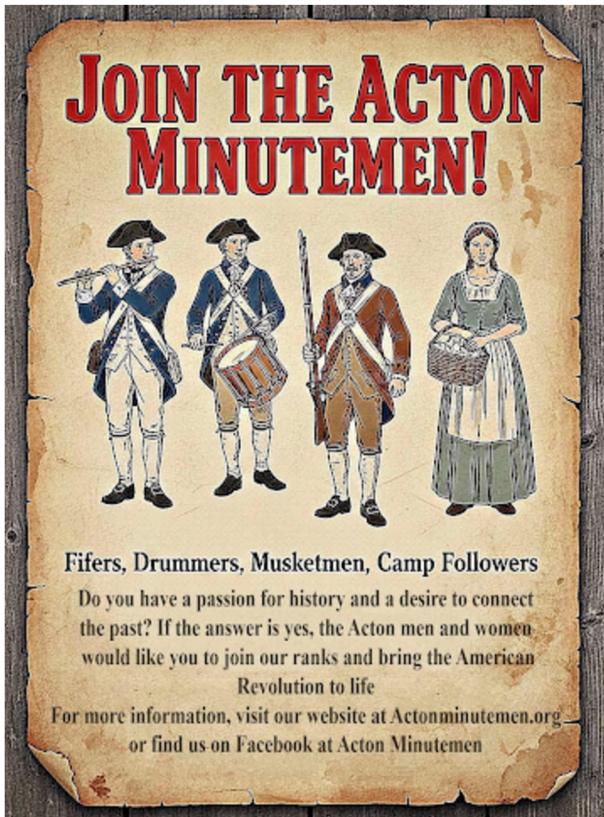
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**NEW!**

## Drop Box Locations for Unserviceable Flags

Thanks to the efforts of our Town Clerk Leo Mercado, we now have two drop boxes in town where residents can bring their unserviceable flags! You will find these drop boxes near the Clerks Office at Town Hall, located at 472 Main Street and outside the entrance of our Human Services and Senior Center Facility, located at 30 Sudbury Road. We collect these worn, tattered, and otherwise unserviceable flags throughout the year to properly retire them in future flag retirement ceremonies at Woodlawn Cemetery.





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### Acton and Boxborough Veterans Gift Accounts

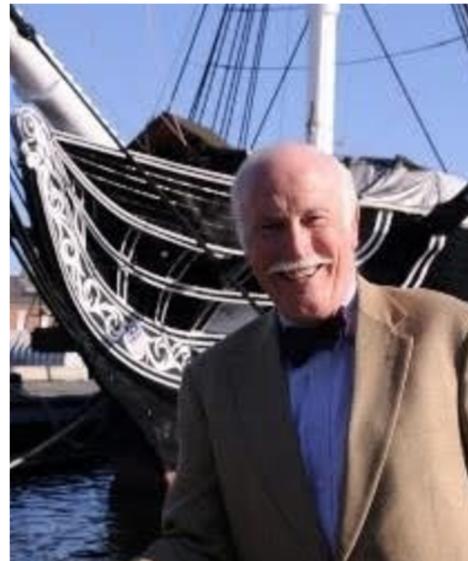
Veterans Gift Account has been established for both Acton and Boxborough. One hundred percent of your donation to either town's respective Veteran gift account directly translates into assistance for the immediate needs of Veterans and surviving spouses on the local level. All donations to these accounts are greatly appreciated and really goes a long way. For any questions regarding this, please contact my office.

### "British Naval Power in the Revolution"

**Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
Acton Town Hall | 472 Main Street  
Room 204**

Professor Bill Fowler will explain the importance of British naval power in the early years of the Revolution. The Royal Navy was the most powerful in the world at that time and central to the closing of the port and siege of Boston.

Professor Fowler will detail how Massachusetts and the other colonies were able to respond.



Professor William Fowler is the author of a number of books including several focusing on the naval history in the 18th and 19th centuries. Before recent retirement at Northeastern, Professor Fowler taught courses dealing with the history of Boston, maritime history, and the history of New England.



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### Important Phone Numbers

**Veterans Crisis Line:** 988 (Then Press 1)  
or Text 838255

For information about Burial, Disability, Education, Home Loan, Life Insurance, Medical Care, and Sexual Trauma

**VA Benefits:** (800) 827-1000

**VA Caregiver Support Line:** 1 (855) 827-1000 (*Are you caring for a veteran at home?*)

**VA Direct Deposit Enrollment/Changes:** (877) 838-2778

**VA Education (GI Bill):** (888) 442-4551

**VA Gulf War/Agent Orange Helpline:** (800) 749-8387

**VA Health Care Bedford:** (800) 838-6331 (*Follow the prompts.*)

**VA Health Care Boston:** (800) 865-3384 (*Follow the prompts.*)

**VA Health Care Benefits:** (877) 222-8387

**VA Income Verification and Means Testing:** (800) 929-8387

**VA Life Insurance:** (800) 669-8477

**VA Mammography Helpline:** (888) 492-7844

**VA Pension Management Center:** (877) 294-6380

**VA Status of Headstones and Markers:** (800) 697-6947

**VA Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD):** (800) 829-4833

### Important Websites for Veterans

**Department of Veterans Affairs:** [va.gov](http://va.gov)

**VA Health Care:** [va.gov/health-care](http://va.gov/health-care)

**Disabled American Veterans:** [dav.org](http://dav.org)

**Veterans of Foreign Wars:** [vfw.org](http://vfw.org)

**Massachusetts Executive Officer of Veterans Services:**

[mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-veterans-services](http://mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-veterans-services)

**MA Chapter 115 Benefits Estimator / Veteran Financial Assistance:**

[vets.mass.gov](http://vets.mass.gov)