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The Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC)
Invited into the Bob Woodruff Foundation's "Got Your 6" Program

One of just three Veteran's Services Partners in Massachusetts

HYANNIS, MA – The Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center recently accepted an invitation to join the Bob Woodruff Foundation's "**Got Your 6**" Program, making it one of only three veterans' support organizations so recognized in Massachusetts, and one of less than 20 similar nonprofits in the entire Northeastern region, which runs from Maine to Washington DC. In our densely populated region alone, CIVOC, together with the other network groups, reach and serve hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families each year.

Joining the "Got Your 6" network of nonprofits provides CIVOC with the best of both worlds for service-driven organizations: National Reach and Local Impact. The Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center was specifically targeted as we were deemed a "best in class grantee organization, ideally suited to meaningfully contribute to a group of similar, locally based veterans' support organizations." With partners across the country, this growing network reaches millions of veterans and their families where they live and work.

Jim Seymour, Executive Director of the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, said, "The opportunity to partner with the Bob Woodruff Foundation immediately elevates the visibility of our work beyond our local region, and onto the national stage. We couldn't be more thrilled about the opportunities this new alliance will afford the veterans we serve."

Most Americans remember the tragedy that struck the Woodruff family more than 16

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years ago, while Bob was reporting on the transfer of power between U.S. and Iraqi security forces for ABC's "World News Tonight." Back then, the Woodruffs seemed to have it all. But when Bob's armored vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq, life changed in an instant. While the anchor newsman for ABC-TV News, Bob sustained a life-threatening traumatic brain injury. Thanks only to the quick actions of brave soldiers, medics, and military medical professionals, Bob's life was saved. Within a few days, he was brought to the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md.

There, Bob spent 36 days in a medically induced coma, and his wife, Lee, got to know the families of service members dealing with the impact of hidden injuries such as Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and depression. As Bob recovered, the experience inspired the Woodruff family to do one thing: Ensure that our nation's impacted veterans, service members, and their families have access to the highest level of support and resources they deserve, for as long as they need it. That wish became the mission of the Bob Woodruff Foundation and the "Got Your 6" network, which today complement the work of our government, ensuring that our veterans are thriving long after they return home.

In inviting CIVOC to become a part of the "Got Your 6" network, we were recognized by the foundation for offering a wide range of programs at no cost to the veterans we serve, and because the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center invests substantial time and resources towards beneficially impacting in the lives of veterans and their families on the Cape and the Islands.

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