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**For the 3rd Consecutive Year, Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach
Center earns Platinum Seal of Transparency**

Less than 1% of all nonprofits nationally hold a Platinum rating

HYANNIS, MA – For the third consecutive year in the organization’s 40-year history, the **Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC)** has earned the **2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency**, which is the highest level of recognition offered by the combined GuideStar and Foundation Center (known in the industry as **CANDID**). CIVOC achieved this designation by publicly sharing detailed metrics about funding received as well as the progress CIVOC is making toward its mission of serving the needs of military veterans and their families across Cape Cod and the Islands.

“Simply put, receiving this important designation means that we are recognized as, and remain, a professional, donor-centric organization,” said Jim Seymour, Executive Director. “Perhaps most critically, our donors and our grantors can continue to feel confident that CIVOC is completely transparent across the board to both.”

CIVOC is a tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and was founded in 1983 by a group of Vietnam Veterans who did not find the services and programs they needed to successfully transition back to their communities anywhere in our region. Ever since then, we have been an indispensable veteran services provider across the region. Building on the legacy that our founders started nearly four decades ago, we offer multiple comprehensive support services that empower veterans to achieve independence with dignity and respect, including 13 monthly food pantries across Cape Cod and on Martha’s Vineyard, a new Food Distribution Center, transportation service for veterans, professional counseling, and transitional housing.

CIVOC advances that mission by building upon strong relationships within the Cape Cod community, and well as a wide range of national and regional grantors. It is the trust we have earned within our region that continues to help us earn broad-based financial support from individual donors and

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foundations alike. Low administrative and fundraising expenses ensures that CIVOC can direct nearly 91 percent of all donations towards programs that specifically serve veterans.

CANDID provides shares our detailed information with individual donors and foundations who want to make educated charitable decisions to trusted organizations. The Platinum Seal of Transparency is the top honor given by CANDID, indicating that CIVOC has provided key information to its nonprofit profile, which is available to the public and displays the organization's measurable impact.

To reach the Platinum level, CIVOC added extensive information to its GuideStar and Foundation Center nonprofit profile: in-depth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies, and capabilities; and quantitative information about results and progress toward its mission. By publishing this information, CIVOC demonstrates its commitment to being transparent and to giving donors meaningful data to evaluate its performance.

To learn more about CIVOC's mission, areas of impact, funding policy and annual reports, visit our website at www.capeveterans.com.

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