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**For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach  
Center was awarded a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator**

**HYANNIS, MA** – The Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center is proud to announce that its strong financial health, ongoing accountability, and transparency has earned it a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an achievement accomplished by less than 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of all nonprofits nationally.

This rating designates the Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center as an official “Give with Confidence” charity, indicating that our organization is using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator’s criteria. Charity Navigator is America’s largest and most utilized independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, referred to as beacons. Currently, nonprofits can earn scores for the Impact and Results, Accountability and Finance, Culture and Community, and Leadership and Adaptability beacons.

“We are delighted to provide Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence,” said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. “The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center can accomplish in the years ahead.”

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“Our Four-Star Charity Navigator recognition is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health,” said Jim Seymour, Executive Director of the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center. “We hope that it will introduce our work to new supporters who can help us advance our mission today, and in the years to come.”

“When combined with our four consecutive years as a **Platinum Seal of Transparency** recognized charity, which is the highest level of recognition offered by the combined GuideStar and Foundation Center, it ensures that our donors can rest assured that we are a worthy custodian of their charitable support and trust,” Seymour added.

CIVOC is a tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It was founded in 1983 by a group of Vietnam Veterans who did not find the services and programs they needed to transition back to their communities anywhere in our region successfully. Ever since then, we have been an indispensable veteran services provider across the region. Building on the legacy that our founders 40 years 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.

To learn more about CIVOC’s mission, areas of impact, funding policy and annual reports, visit our website at [www.capeveterans.com](http://www.capeveterans.com).