



RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME



## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the relatives and friends of the veterans that reside at the Rhode Island Veterans Home, are solely dedicated to allowing members of this Council to give each other support, encouragement and information they may need to best serve their loved ones.



## WHAT IS A FAMILY COUNCIL?

A family council is a group of dedicated family members and friends working together with the facility to improve the quality of life for our loved ones. A family council is unique to each facility. The Rhode Island Veterans Home Family Council was formed in the year 2000 by a core group of family members. Previously, the facility provided a “family support” group run by the Home.

We believe that involvement in this Council helps families and friends resolve their feelings of helplessness and gives them the ability to bring about positive changes, not only for their relatives, but for all veterans.



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A FAMILY COUNCIL?

- To protect and improve the quality of life for all veterans living in the Home.
- To empower families to have a voice in decisions which affect them and their loved ones, especially those residents who are unable to speak for themselves.
- To advocate and educate the community on the current needs of the veterans living in the Home and their family members.



## RIVH FAMILY COUNCIL

Chairman: Donna St. Angelo  
Vice Chairman/Treasurer: Nancy Oliveira  
Secretary: Ann Marie Clarkson  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- We typically meet on the fourth Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m.
- Family and friends of residents are welcome to attend.
- The Council invites regular guest speakers to attend.
- Agendas are emailed to all families by the R.I. Veterans Home.
- Refreshments are served.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- Welcoming and supporting families
- Action on concerns and complaints
- Communication within the Home
- Fundraising
- Advocating on public issues
- Inviting guest speakers
- Holding special activities for the residents
- Recognizing staff
- Education and information

