

# Veterans Get Outside Day

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**Fort Adams**

**Newport, RI**

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Outreach Programs

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# Schedule of Events

**0900 Opening ceremonies**

**0930 Walk/run in conjunction with Run Newport**

**0930 to 1445**

- **Veteran speakers and entertainment throughout the day - Navy band (Invited)**
- **Adaptive sports opportunities by Bike Newport & VA Adaptive Sports Boston (Invited)**
- **Sailing lessons and familiarization cruises by Sail Newport**
- **Resources from VA Medical Center Providence, Providence VA Benefits Regional Office, RI Veteran Services, Vet Center confirmed**
- **Free hop-on, hop-off trolley from Newport (Pending)**
- **Vendors and food trucks**
- **Tours of Ft. Adams (Paid)**
- **Tours of SSV Oliver Hazard Perry (Pending)**

**1430 to 1500 Closing ceremonies**



# Attractions

**Amazing Vendors at reasonable prices**

**Beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> century Mansions**

**Oliver Hazard Perry RI Tall ships**

**Assistance from Veterans Affairs Medical Center and VA Regional Office**

**Assistance from Vet Center Mobile Unit**

**Military Displays**

**Entertainment by U. S. Navy Band (Invited)**

**Note: Restroom available**

# Community Partners

- **RI State Department of Veterans Service**
- **Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce**
- **Discover Newport**
- **RI Public Transit Authority**
- **Bike/Sail/Run Newport**
- **Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island**
- **Newport Elks Lodge: Volunteer support and primary boots on ground when needed in advance of event. May lead Newport event next year.**

# Political and Military Leaders

- **Senator Jack Reed (invited)**
- **Congressman Gabe Amo (confirmed)**
- **Newport Mayor Xaykham “Xay” Khamsyvoravon (confirmed)**
- **RI Dept of Vet Services Director Kasim Yarn (confirmed)**
- **RADM Pete Garvin USN (Naval War College (invited))\_**

# Tribal Outreach

**574 federally recognized tribes**

**66 State recognized tribes**

- **11 in Louisiana**

**7 federally recognized Veterans Service Officers**

**MVA is initiating program to train tribal attorneys in veterans law.**

- **6 hour Continuing Legal Education**

# Tribal Outreach

**MVA certified by Louisiana to conduct CLE**

**Well received at the National Conference of American Indians**

**In discussion with several tribes/tribal alliances**

**6 hour program will cover VA organization, discharge requirements, appeals, recent court decisions, ethics, Blue Water Navy Act, PACT Act and upcoming initiatives**

**Program in development**

**Target date: Summer 2024**

**Cost for Attorneys: \$180 for live, \$90 for virtual (per person)**

**Cost for Service Officers \$90 for live, \$45 for virtual (per person)**



Thank You

