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### **American Red Cross Opens Resource Center on Mass Military Reservation**

Hyannis, MA, May 12th, 2010 –The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross is pleased to announce the operational opening of the Red Cross Resource Center on the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The resource center is located next to the Army National Guard Billeting Office (near the Roxy movie theater.)

The Red Cross Resource Center is initially scheduled to be open for two hours a day but more permanent hours will be posted. The Center will have three computers, a video option and email to communicate overseas. Get to Know Us Before You Need Us brochures, pre-deployment and Return information, Psychological First Aid, CPR/AED class information, stickers and activities for the kids and magnets with important phone numbers will be on-hand free of charge. Light refreshments will be available during visits.

The Resource Center will be manned by volunteers who are trained in providing Service to the Armed Forces and Military Families. The chapter is pleased to collaborate with military retirees and various Veterans' Groups in the area for this purpose.

Harry Watling, a volunteer from Dennis and former Army National Guard Technician has been working along with Glen Beasley, Executive Director (former Army Ranger), Red Cross Board member CDR. Elizabeth Young, Coast Guard and base Commanders of Army National Guard, Air National Guard and Coast Guard as well as AmeriCorps volunteers and the West Barnstable Fire Department to establish this Resource Center.

The opening of the Red Cross Resource Center is extremely timely as a major exercise is scheduled in June with some 3,000 military expected to be on the base.

An official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is currently being planned for June 16th at 1 p.m.

For more information about the Service to the Armed Forces and Military Families , contact American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, (508) 775-1540 or check out [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org)

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