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**Note for the media only: to ensure base access to attend this ceremony, contact Erica Waasdorp, (508) 776-1224 or email ewaasdorp@cciredcross.org by June 15th. Note, everybody is expected to be on base by 12.45 p.m.**

### **American Red Cross Officially Opens the Red Cross Resource Center on Mass Military Reservation with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 16th**

Hyannis, MA, June 13th, 2010 –The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross is pleased to announce the official opening of the Red Cross Resource Center on the Massachusetts Military Reservation with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th, 2010. The resource center is located next to the Army National Guard Billeting Office (near the Roxy base movie theater.)

Commanders from all military branches on the MMR, as well as the Massachusetts National Guard Adjutant General Carter, are expected to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. CDR Elizabeth Young, US Coast Guard and Red Cross Board member will be the Master of Ceremonies. Food and refreshments served at the event are sponsored by First Citizens Federal Credit Union.

The American Red Cross is chartered by Congress to organize Emergency Communication to support the Military and their families and as such is a major resource for military families. The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross is also finalizing a web site to coordinate the various resources electronically.

A cadre of volunteers have been working for the past year along with the Employee Family Support Sub Group (a collaboration of military family support groups on base), Glen Beasley, Executive Director (former Army Ranger) and Commanders and Members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, Air Force as well as AmeriCorps volunteers and the West Barnstable Fire Department to establish this Resource Center.

The Red Cross Resource 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.

The opening of the Red Cross Resource Center is extremely timely because of the major training exercise with some 3,000 military members on base in June.

For more information about Services 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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