

Equipping America's veterans with vessels, tools or vehicles to start a business or pursue career education.

**Work Vessels for Vets thanks everyone who helped us raise \$60,000 this quarter!**

**Skydive for Veterans 4th Annual Freedom Jump** took place in early September with nearly 50 divers jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. Each skydiver raised a minimum of \$500 in pledges to the nonprofit SkyDive for Veterans. The proceeds of the annual event will benefit WVFV! Thank you to these brave souls!



WVFV was honored to be one of 5 non-profit competing for the prestigious **New England Innovation Award!** The Boston competition was like a "Shark Tank" presentation with 25 innovators from MIT, Harvard and others all hoping for "angel investors." How do you explain what we do in less than 3 minutes? THAT was a challenge! Results will be in on October 24<sup>th</sup>. But we already won, just by sharing our mission with over 6000 members of the New England Business Association and reaching out to contacts who will support us! <https://newenglandbusiness.org/page/2019Nominees>



September's **11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hand UP For Vets" Dance Party** in Groton Long Point, CT was a GREAT time as always! Thanks go to the party founder "Rock and Roll Rick" Crolius who is an avid supporter and now Vice President of Work Vessels for Vets. Over the years, Rick's party has raised over \$100,000 to offer a "Hand Up." WVFV President John Niekrash and ED Cathy Cook brought Rick to tears when they surprised him with the WVFV Patriot Star Award. Well deserved, Rick. Thank you!



Rounding out September was the **Enterprise Builders Annual Charity Golf Tournament** at Lake of Isles @ Foxwoods Resort & Casino in Connecticut. This is the first (but not the last) year WVFV was honored by Enterprise Builders. The final figures are not in, but this huge event with over 180 golfers raised at least \$26,000 for our mission. Thank you to all who had a part in a great day on the course, including the USMC Color Guard and West Hartford Police Captain Kevin McCarthy who sang the National Anthem! THANK YOU Enterprise Builders of Newington, Connecticut!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, November 1st  
Monday, November 11

Vets Rock EXPO @ Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT  
VETERANS DAY – Thank a Vet!

We hope to see you at one of our events soon! As always, if you can't make it in person, donations can be made here: <https://www.workvesselsforveterans.org/donations.html>