



## HOW TO SUPPORT

There are many different ways you can contribute to the Veterans Fishing Derby! From monetary donations, to raffle prizes, to offering your vessel, no contribution is too small! From the generosity of donations we have received, we have been able to disburse two donations of \$25,000 each to the Lynn Veteran's Council and Disabled and Limbless Veterans totaling \$50,000. With your help, our goal is to continue increasing our donation amount!


Each donation is tax deductible, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Lynn Veteran's Council and Disabled and Limbless Veterans, Inc.

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For more information, visit our facebook page or email us

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# Veterans Fishing

# DERBY

We say 'Thank You' to our Veterans and active duty personnel by providing a day long free fishing derby and luncheon

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## THE TEAM

Since 2019, the Office of the Mayor, the Department of Veteran's Services, Economic Development & Industrial Corporation, Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development, Lynn Veteran's Council, Disabled and Limbless Veterans, Inc., and the Veterans Fishing Derby Committee, have joined forces to host the Annual Freedom Fish Lynn.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| James Cowdell      | Pauline Sabino    |
| Justin de la Cruz  | Mary Jane Smalley |
| Tammy Kinney       | Stephen Smith     |
| Dominic Marcellino | Ted Smith         |
| Ed Miles           | Thomas Smith      |
| Jim Perry          | Michael Sweeney   |
| Peggy Phelps       |                   |



## THE EVENT

Honoring those who served....

This event is something Veterans and active duty members look forward to every year, and one our community is proud of. The fishing derby is held on the ocean around Lynn's beautiful harbor and culminates at the Blossom Street ferry site. Every year this event is made possible by the people who volunteer their boats, fishing equipment, fuel and time. In 2023, we were able to send out 138 veterans on 47 different boats to fish! We were also able to provide a cruise around the harbor for an additional 68 veterans!

The fun does not stop there... Upon return to the ferry site there is a weigh-in station to determine who had the biggest catch of the day, a cook-out, a live DJ, an awards ceremony, and raffles.



"Looking forward to next year already, so much fun. Thank you" - via FaceBook

"50 years on Lynn waters this epic event is the best! Lynn Harbor should be proud of this turn out for our veterans" - via FaceBook



## OUR GOAL

Many veterans fight mental-health problems; the suicide rate for our nation's veterans has become a public health crisis. Our goal is to provide an experience of tranquility and camaraderie at the fishing derby, thus reducing anxiety, fighting off depression, and promoting healthy relaxation.

In 2023, The Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC/Lynn) bought the medical building at 225 Boston St. The primary motive was to ensure that the Veterans Administration Clinic would stay in the city of Lynn. The VA Clinic provides medical and mental health services to more than 2,000 veterans. March 2024, EDIC received from the VA a signed lease for three years with an option for a 3-year renewal.

