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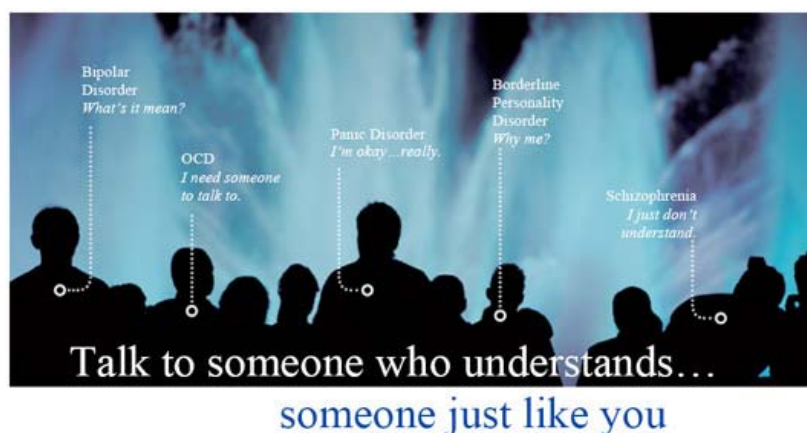
NAMI Boston Support Group for Veterans to Meet Weekly Starting July 21

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts (NAMI Mass) is a grassroots non-profit organization founded more than 25 years ago serving the needs of individuals, and their friends and families, by providing education, family and consumer support, information and referral services and advocacy at all levels of government to affect policy change.

NAMI Mass Connection Recovery Support Group for Veterans will meet regularly starting Monday, July 21. The meetings will be held at the Center Club, 31 Bowker Street, Boston from 7PM to 8:30PM. Contact Karl Ackerman 781 396 7889 for more information.

Nearly a third of veterans who seek care through Veterans Administration health centers receive mental health diagnoses. NAMI Mass recognizes the need for increased services for Veterans and is supporting the NAMI Connection group for Veterans as part of the NAMI Veterans initiative.

NAMI Connection is a 90-minute weekly support group run by persons with mental illness in recovery for other persons with mental illness in recovery. The NAMI Connection group for Veterans is led by NAMI trained Veterans. All NAMI Connection groups are open to persons with mental health issues regardless of diagnosis.



Center Club is located at **31 Bowker Street in the Government Center area** of Boston on the first three floors of a five-story, brick building. It is easily reached on the **Orange, Green or Blue** Lines, or by bus routes that terminate at the Haymarket Station. At the Haymarket Stop of the T (Orange or Green lines), exit onto Congress Street. Go right (walk towards New Sudbury Street) and then take a left onto New Sudbury. Immediately after the Fleet / Government Center parking garage (but before the police station), turn right and go down the stairs. 31 Bowker Street is at the bottom of the stairs on the left side.