Outreach” button on the VHA Homeless Programs website. Please share your comments by clicking the blue “Contact Homeless Affairs” button on the VHA Homeless Programs website.

We value your feedback about the work underway to prevent and end homelessness in communities across the United States. The national picture has also improved. The 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count—a “snapshot” of homelessness on a given night in communities—shows that homelessness among Veterans has decreased. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released a summary of the 2019 PIT Count, which showed a 2.1% decrease in homelessness among Veterans between 2018 and 2019. This decrease is due in part to VA’s close collaboration with local and national stakeholder organizations, many of whom support the work underway to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans.

Did you know?

Below are upcoming Stand Downs through November 11, 2020:

- November 8, 2020—San Diego, CA
- November 7, 2020—Martinsburg, WV
- November 6, 2020—Crestview, FL
- November 6, 2020—Butler, PA
- November 6, 2020—Hillsboro, OR
- November 7, 2020—Portland, OR
- November 7, 2020—Richardson, TX
- November 11, 2020—Portland, OR

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Message from Monica Diaz, Executive Director, VHA Homeless Programs Office

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