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VA Augusta housed 170 Veterans experiencing homelessness in 2023

AUGUSTA, Ga. — As part of <u>VA's nationwide homelessness goals for 2023</u>, VA Augusta Health Care System permanently housed 170 local Veterans experiencing homelessness last year, nearly three times the VA's annual goal for the region. In addition, none of those local Veterans returned to homelessness in 2023.

"The hard work and dedication of our Homeless Veterans Program has paid off," said VA Augusta Executive Director Dr. Robin E. Jackson. "The progress we're seeing with Veteran homeless rates in Eastern Georgia and Western South Carolina shows that we're moving toward ending homelessness for local Veterans."

VA Augusta's homeless Veteran placements, along with placements provided by other VA health care systems across America, resulted in 46,552 Veteran placements nationwide. Ending Veteran homelessness is a top priority of VA and President Biden, who has made supporting Veterans a key pillar of his Unity Agenda for the nation.

VA Augusta also exceeded engaging with 92 unsheltered Veterans to connect them with the housing and resources they need and ensure 100% of Veterans housed have remained in housing.

If you are a Veteran who is experiencing homelessness or at risk for

homelessness, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) or <u>visit the VA Homeless Programs website</u>. Veterans can also report to the VA Augusta Homeless Program walk-in office (room 3D-104 at the Uptown campus at 1 Freedom Way, Augusta), 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday, for assistance.

If you are a media member interested in reporting on VA Augusta's Homeless Veteran Program, contact Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at www.william.martin6@va.gov.