

Help for Homeless Veterans  
**877-4AID-VET**  
va.gov/homeless | (877) 424-3838



Jim, formerly homeless Veteran  
Served 2004-2011

## ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

### About the Initiative

On a single night in January 2012, there were 62,619 Veterans without a place to call home.

In 2009, President Barack Obama and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced their commitment to end Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Since then, the number of Veterans who are homeless has declined by 17.2 percent—but even one Veteran without safe and stable housing is too many.

VA's homeless programs constitute the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country. In 2012 alone, VA had contact with more than 220,000 Veterans seeking help finding a safe, stable place to call home.

Even with such a strong network of resources, VA cannot end Veteran homelessness alone. VA partners with thousands of community stakeholders who are helping with the boots-on-the-ground efforts to provide homeless services and to raise awareness of the supportive services available to homeless and at-risk Veterans and their families.

### The services are here.

VA has a number of programs to help eligible Veterans secure safe, stable housing and maintain healthy lives. VA uses individualized, comprehensive services to help Veterans obtain:

- **Health care:** VA supports Veterans with health care that includes mental health care and substance use treatment.
- **Housing/supportive services:** Through a comprehensive continuum of supportive services, VA helps Veterans access benefits, explore options to avoid foreclosure, and improve housing stability.
- **Income/employment/benefits:** VA provides job training through a network of vocational rehabilitation specialists that help more than 40,000 Veterans a year.
- **Education:** VA can help Veterans return to school, which may prepare them to obtain stable employment to improve their source of income.

### Together, we can help.

We can all do something to end Veteran homelessness. Spread the word to let Veterans know that a single call can connect them with the services they have earned.

### Refer to VA for Help

If a Veteran you know is homeless, at imminent risk of becoming homeless, or in crisis, refer him or her to VA. Make the Call to **877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838)** or chat online at **va.gov/homeless**. Trained, supportive professionals are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to connect Veterans with the care they need to get back on their feet.

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