

## NVTAC Monthly Newsletter: August 2023

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### AUGUST SPOTLIGHT



#### **"Hope is a choice." - Olivet's Remarks on Ending Homelessness**

Jeff Olivet, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Executive Director, delivered closing remarks today during the 2023 National Conference on Ending Homelessness. The speech touched on numerous topics, including stopping homelessness before it happens, the ALL INside initiative, the All In federal strategic plan, and President Biden's budget.

"The real solutions to this crisis take time and investment, patience and persistence. We must continue our work to scale up the housing and services that we know are effective. We must continue to invest in mental health care, substance use treatment, and other wraparound supports—and we must continue to believe that recovery is possible. We must continue to push back on the rhetoric that Housing First doesn't work. Such arguments are politically cynical, intellectually lazy, and harmful to programs that help people exit homelessness," said Olivet.

[Read his Full Remarks](#)

## EVENTS



### **New National Veterans' Training Institute's (NVTI) Podcast Coming Soon!**

Keep an eye out for the NVTI, Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness podcast coming this September! In this podcast, experts in the field will examine ways veteran service providers can best serve veterans experiencing homelessness. The panelists will outline the criteria used to identify a veteran experiencing homelessness, explain outreach efforts to these veterans, and discuss the strategies and resources available to assist those who are at risk of homelessness. [Subscribe to NVTI's mailing list](#) to receive notifications when this podcast and other great continuous learning resources are released.



### **Register for the August Community of Practice (CoP)**

Please join us on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 3 p.m. ET for August's CoP session, which will provide a refresher on Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) eligibility requirements, definitions, and resources. An opportunity for questions will be provided at the end of the presentation.

[Register for the CoP](#)

## RESOURCES

# OFF-ROAD OUTREACH

HELPING MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF  
A VETERAN

### **Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness in Fayetteville, North Carolina (NC)**

Off-Road Outreach helps veterans experiencing homelessness in NC by offering mobile showers, food, clothing, rain gear, hygiene kits and other services such as helping prepare housing applications, obtaining documentation (like their DD-214), applying for employment and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits, and pairing them with other veterans organizations to assist their individual needs.

[Visit the Off-Road Outreach Website](#)



### **Mobile Medical Units Improving Access to Health Care for Veterans**

In August, the VA announced that 25 mobile medical units will be released across the country within the next six months. Veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness, will have access to needed health care

and support. The mobile medical units will provide a private space for veterans to meet with health care providers.

[Read about the Mobile Medical Units](#)

## NEWS UPDATES



### **Figuring Out Why Veterans Return to Homelessness**

In this podcast episode, Dr. Jack Tsai, Research Director for VA National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans; Dr. Thomas Byrne, an investigator with both the VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans and the Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Implementation

Research at the VA Bedford Healthcare System; and Ken Mueller, senior business operations specialist in the Homeless Programs Office, discuss returns to homelessness, why it happens to formerly homeless veterans, and what VA is doing to help.

[Listen to the Ending Veteran Homelessness Podcast](#)



### **Los Angeles (LA) County Struggles to Help Veterans Experiencing Homelessness**

A recent article appearing on the LAist website sheds light on the challenges veterans experiencing homelessness in the LA County face and details how the city has the highest number of veterans who are not permanently housed (nearly 4,000, according to a 2022 report).

“Red tape and an overly complex administrative process paired with years of illegal mismanagement of the West Los Angeles VA land have left those who have served our

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country forced to wage a new battle to secure housing and benefits when they finally return home."

[Read the Full LAist Article](#)



## **Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness in San Diego in 15 Months**

The Leave No Veteran Homeless initiative set the ambitious goal of ending veteran homelessness in the county in 15 months. "This is a call to action. We need landlords to really step up and help us in this process. If you have a spare room, a small-unit apartment complex, or a large development ... any space that could provide a dignified living condition is needed," said County Supervisor Nora Vargas.

[Read About the Leave No Veteran Homeless Initiative](#)



## **Biden-Harris Administration Plan to Address Veteran Homelessness**

The Biden-Harris administration announced new steps to prevent and reduce veteran homelessness. A newly released fact sheet provides details into the administrations new plan of action.

[Plan to Prevent and Reduce Homelessness Among Veterans](#)

## SUCCESS STORY



Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grantee who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you.

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