

Statistics

National data show that only 8% of the general US population can claim Veteran status but nearly one-fifth of the homeless population are Veterans.

The Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) estimates nearly 196,000 Veterans are homeless on any given night. In Sonoma County the estimate is approximately 402 homeless Veterans on any given night.

Veterans are more likely to live outdoors-unsheltered—and experience long-term, chronic homelessness.

81% of Sonoma County's homeless Veterans were unsheltered (sleeping outdoors) in 2011.



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U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*

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Help End Homelessness Among Veterans



InterFaith Shelter Network in collaboration with the Department of Veteran's Affairs

**HUD
VASH
PROGRAM**

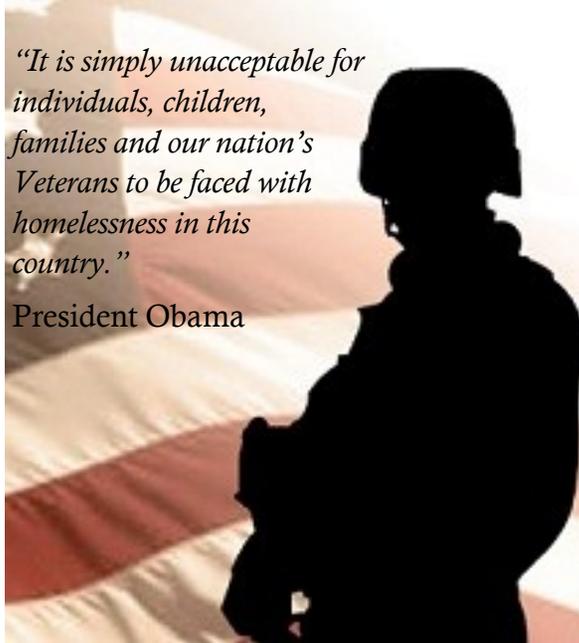
HUD-VASH

The Department of Housing and Urban Development – VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program is a joint effort between HUD and VA to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. HUD provides housing assistance through its Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) that allows homeless Veterans to rent privately owned housing. Veteran participants receive supportive services and case management to assist them in securing and maintaining permanent housing.



"It is simply unacceptable for individuals, children, families and our nation's Veterans to be faced with homelessness in this country."

President Obama



InterFaith Shelter Network

InterFaith Shelter Network has over 23 years experience providing housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families.

IFSN is teaming up with the Department of Veteran's Affairs to provide supportive services for HUD-VASH recipients in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. This collaboration will provide permanent housing and case management to 100 Veterans and their families.

Landlords Get Involved

Quality rental units are needed now. Help the community and nation to end homelessness and repay our Veterans by renting to a HUD-VASH participant in Sonoma or Mendocino County.

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Benefits of renting to a HUD-VASH Veteran?

- The opportunity to honor Veteran's who have served our country
- Receipt of fair market rent on your rental unit(s)
- Reliable rental payments made through the local Housing Authority
- HUD-VASH tenants have consistent access to supportive services, including case management and therapy