

ABOUT U.S.VETS

Our mission is the successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support.

United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS) is the largest veteran-specific nonprofit housing and service provider in the country. Every day, we provide thousands of veterans and their families with the support and resources they need to stay off the streets and regain their self-sufficiency.

HOUSING

Our housing programs are at the core of what we do. Last year, U.S.VETS provided transitional and permanent housing to over **6,500** veterans across the country. A wide array of support services available to each veteran address the root causes that led to homelessness, and individualized case management provides a plan to combat these issues so they can maintain stability.

EMPLOYMENT

In addition to workforce services for veterans in our transitional housing programs, U.S.VETS offers services that help prevent unemployed veterans from becoming homeless in the first place. The Career Development Initiative (CDI) connects highly skilled veteran job seekers with employers, and uses innovative technology to help vets learn to translate their military skills to the civilian workforce. Last year, U.S.VETS placed over **1,100** veterans into jobs.

MENTAL HEALTH

Far too many veterans suffer from invisible wounds of war. Mental health factors such as PTSD, depression, and substance abuse put them at higher risk of homelessness than their civilian counterparts. Last year, U.S.VETS provided over **287,000** mental health assessments and counseling sessions. Additionally, as part of our homelessness prevention effort, U.S.VETS provides free mental health services to OEF/OIF veterans and their families through Outside the Wire (OTW).

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FEMALE VETERANS

In 2001, U.S.VETS created the ADVANCE program to address the unique needs of female veterans, particularly those living with Military Sexual Trauma (MST). **1 in 5** women who serve in the U.S. military experiences some form of sexual trauma during her service.

VETERAN FAMILIES

Through Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), U.S.VETS helped over **4,800** low-income veteran families last year. Additionally, the Fathers Program and Mothers Program offers support to veteran parents who are struggling with their adjustment to civilian life.

Since 1993, U.S.VETS has engaged over **158,000** veterans, helped more than **57,000** veterans have a place to call home and placed **14,000** veterans into jobs. With 20 residential sites and 9 service centers in 13 cities across 5 states (AZ, CA, HI, NV, and TX), the District of Columbia and the territory of Guam, U.S.VETS impacts the lives of over **20,000** veterans and their family members each year.

At U.S.VETS, we believe no veteran should be left behind.



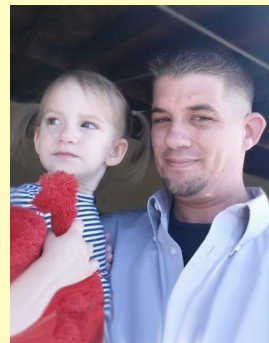
Sandra, U.S. Navy

I loved the discipline and order of the military and thrived on the stability it provided me. After eight years of service, I was not prepared for the culture shock I experienced transitioning from military to civilian life.

I felt there was no hope for a better life for myself and truly felt alone and hopeless. I ended up a drug addict, living in my car.

I found out about U.S.VETS and ADVANCE, the housing program for homeless female veterans. US VETS' case managers have guided me step-by-step all the way. They encouraged me to clean up the wreckage of my past, be accountable and take the next indicated step toward independence and self-sufficiency.

I now have hope for my future.



Stephen, U.S. Army

After coming home from Iraq I was suffering from PTSD, and unable to cope with the tremendous changes of entering civilian life after 8 years of military service.

For months I slept on couches, outside, or in my car. By the time I met the U.S.VETS outreach team, I had finally hit my rock-bottom. Working one day at a time, I was able to get sober, reconnect with my children, and enroll in college. I have been clean for over a year now.

Someone gave me a chance, and I was ready to take it.

I have a new way of thinking about life today, and I believe I have a bright future ahead of me.

QUICK FACTS

HOW WE HELP VETS

Since 1993, U.S.VETS has engaged over **158,000** veterans, helped more than **57,000** veterans have a place to call home and placed **13,000** veterans into jobs. With 20 residential sites and 9 service centers in 13 cities, U.S.VETS impacts the lives of over **20,000** veterans and their family members each year.

There are still almost **40,000** homeless veterans in this country - and we believe our job is not over until every one of them has gotten the help they deserve.

Here's some of what we accomplished last year:



5,700 VETERANS

received residential services.

1,100 VETERANS

were placed into jobs.



900 FEMALE VETERANS

got the help they needed.

**4,800 LOW-INCOME
VETERAN FAMILIES**

received supportive services.



**287,000 MENTAL HEALTH
ASSESSMENTS & COUNSELING SESSIONS**

were conducted for veterans and their family members.

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS), which opened its first facility in Los Angeles in 1993, has grown to eleven sites in five states and the District of Columbia, serving more than 4,000 veterans a day. Yearly, U.S.VETS helps 3,000 veterans find housing and more than 1,100 veterans gain full-time jobs.

As U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan continues to wind down, the issues of veteran unemployment, homelessness, Post-Traumatic Stress, and other reintegration issues have reached critical levels. Twenty veterans a day commit suicide in the United States.

Our job at U.S.VETS is to engage the enemy at home - the enemy of homelessness, disillusionment and disappointment - to let these men and women know there is a path forward. U.S.VETS strives to empower each veteran to take responsibility for his or her success, guiding them towards independence in the community, developing their workforce skills and supporting recovery.

STEVE PECK, PRESIDENT & CEO



Stephen J. Peck graduated from Northwestern University in 1968 and entered the Marine Corps that same year. In Vietnam, he was a first lieutenant in the 1st Marine Division, serving as a forward observer outside of Danang in 1969, receiving the Navy Commendation Medal.

Mr. Peck joined U.S.VETS in 1996 and was appointed president and CEO in August 2010. Peck earned his Master's Degree in Social Work from USC in 1997. He is also the President of the California Association of Veteran Service Agencies (CAVSA).

He has been honored by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, the USC School of Social Work, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the City of Long Beach. He was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, by the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 2012.

DARRYL J. VINCENT, COO



Darryl J. Vincent is Chief Operating Officer for U.S.VETS. He is directly responsible for the supervision of Executive Directors at all 11 sites, along with national administration of overall operations.

As a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Vincent has a sincere compassion for the veteran community. After his military service, Mr. Vincent went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, and holds a Master Degree in Social Work from the University of New England.

LOCATIONS

Headquartered in Los Angeles, U.S.VETS operates 20 residential sites and 9 service centers in 13 cities across 5 states (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Texas), the District of Columbia and the territory of Guam.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Last year, U.S.VETS touched the lives of nearly **23,000** veterans and family members across all locations:

- ◆ Residential programs – **5,727** served
- ◆ Supportive Services to Veteran Families – **4,864** served
- ◆ Outreach – **12,140** veterans and family members reached
- ◆ Employment - placed **1,147** veterans into living wage employment
- ◆ Counseling - provided **287,696** counseling sessions
- ◆ Served **2,444** extremely low income veteran households including **1,707** children.

RESIDENTIAL SITES & SERVICE CENTERS

ARIZONA

U.S.VETS – Phoenix began providing services to veterans in October of 2001. With five locations throughout the Salt River Valley, U.S.VETS – Phoenix provides transitional and permanent housing to 273 veterans daily, and provides over 990 veteran families with financial assistance.

Last year U.S.VETS – Phoenix provided services to 2,464 veterans and their families.



U.S.VETS – Prescott has been serving the community since 2003. In 2014, the site relocated to a new courtyard style living facility.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Prescott provided services to 623 veterans and their families.



CALIFORNIA

U.S.VETS – Inglewood, the inaugural U.S.VETS site, opened in 1993. The site offers transitional and long term supported housing units, as well as a host of supportive services, to more than 750 veterans every day. The site’s Fathers Program reunites veterans with their non-custodial children.

Last year U.S.VETS – Inglewood provided services to 2,491 veterans and their families.



U.S.VETS – Inland Empire opened in 2003 adjacent to the March Air Reserve Base in Riverside. In addition to the 130 veterans housed at this facility, the site operates a U.S.VETS Veterans Service Center in Colton, which opened in 2013. Currently under construction, March Veterans Village will expand residential services to an additional 175 units beginning in March, 2018.

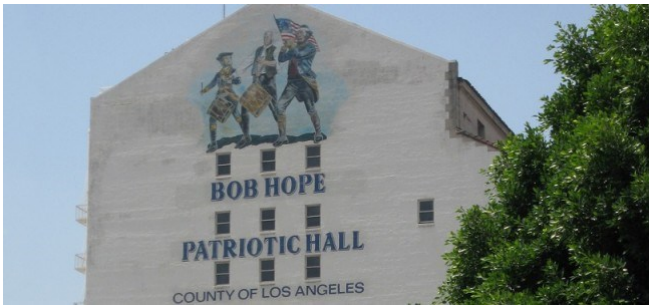
Last year, U.S.VETS – Inland Empire provided services to 1,893 veterans and their families.

U.S.VETS - Long Beach is one of the largest U.S.VETS sites. Located at the Villages at Cabrillo, 26 acres of the former Cabrillo/Savannah Naval housing site. U.S.VETS – Long Beach was the first site to offer the ADVANCE Women’s Program designed specifically for female veterans. The site serves more than 550 veterans daily.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Long Beach provided services to 2,528 veterans and their families.



CALIFORNIA (cont'd)



U.S.VETS – Patriotic Hall is an innovative one-stop service center for veterans located at the historic Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles. Programs provided at U.S.VETS - Patriotic Hall include:

- 1) The Career Development Initiative, which provides employment assistance to more than 350 veterans per year
- 2) Outside the Wire, which provides mental health services to veterans and their families
- 3) Supportive Services to Veterans Families, helping low and very-low income veteran families transition to permanent housing.

HAWAII

U.S.VETS – Barbers Point at Kalaeloa opened in 2002, and provides affordable, long-term, supportive housing for veterans. This site supports the U.S.VETS signature work re-entry program, Veterans in Progress and serves 223 veterans daily.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Barbers Point provided services to 1,690 veterans and their families.



U.S.VETS – Waianae is the only U.S.VETS location that provides services to veteran and non-veteran families. With facilities at the Waianae Civic Center and in Kahikolu, U.S.VETS - Waianae currently serves men, women, and children in need each day.

Last year, the site provided services to 248 clients.



NEVADA



U.S.VETS – Las Vegas opened in 2001 and provides veterans with comprehensive housing and employment services. The site was designated a national mentor site for placement of veteran families.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Las Vegas provided services to 2,900 veterans and their families.

TEXAS

U.S.VETS – Houston was founded in 1997, and serves more than 375 veterans every day. The site currently has a location in Midtown and a Service Center in Downtown Houston. U.S.VETS – Houston is a key member of the Texas Military Veteran Peer Network, helping Iraq and Afghanistan veterans reintegrate successfully.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Houston provided services to 1,688 veterans and their families.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



U.S.VETS – Washington D.C. has provided employment assistance, as well as housing support to veterans and their families, since 2003. In 2015, the first veterans entered the newly renovated 85 bed Wayne Place facility which will allow U.S.VETS-D.C. to house over 200 veterans per year.

Last year, U.S.VETS – Washington D.C. provided services to 1,223 veterans and their families.

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OUR CLIENTS



Eugene (center) with Darryl Vincent, COO and Steve Peck, President and CEO.

EUGENE, U.S. MARINE CORPS

After serving as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp for six years, Eugene came home and started his new civilian life, with his longtime partner Sheila by his side. He found a new career path, and for the next thirty years worked in sales.

Then one day, everything changed. Sheila received a fatal diagnosis, and she did not have very long to live. She and Eugene spent their combined savings trying to make the most of the little time they had left together. All too soon, Sheila passed away. Financially drained and overcome with grief, Eugene lost his job and, unable to pay rent, was evicted.

For the next eighteen months, Eugene lived in his van. When he first met a U.S.VETS outreach worker, he was skeptical that he could be helped. Still heartbroken, and having fallen so far, Eugene didn't think he could find his footing again. But he decided to take a chance and came to U.S.VETS, with the primary goal of gaining employment.

That very night, Eugene had a bed. Within a week, he had a job as a janitor - a position he describes as both positive and humbling. Over the next two years living at U.S.VETS, Eugene continued to progress and heal. Eventually, the U.S.VETS Workforce team helped him find a job better suited to his experience, as a supplier liaison for an engineering firm. Finally, Eugene felt that he was on steady ground again, and he left U.S.VETS to move into his own apartment for the first time in nearly four years.

***“While it took a few bumps in the road to get me to where I am,
I am just loving life and staying in the now.”***

Now steadily employed and feeling in control of his life again, Eugene is determined to give back. He took the initiative to reach out to his employer and arrange for them to donate goods and services to U.S.VETS. His next goal is to foster a partnership between U.S.VETS employment programs and employers in the community, so that more veterans like him can find jobs.



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OUR CLIENTS



Kelly (right) shows off her diploma with her U.S.VETS case manager by her side.

KELLY, U.S. AIR FORCE

When Kelly first came to U.S.VETS a little over a year ago, she was trapped in a cycle of homelessness and addiction – a cycle that is all too familiar to many of the veterans we serve. Fortunately Kelly, who served in the U.S. Air Force, was determined to make a change, and brave enough to reach out for the help she needed.

After spending a few cold winter nights at a homeless shelter, Kelly reached out to the local V.A. for help. There, she was referred to U.S.VETS. “I needed a stable environment,” she says. “I knew nothing would change unless I first had food, shelter and safety.”

Kelly found this stability at U.S.VETS, and was then able to start slowly building a better future for herself. Together with her U.S.VETS case manager, Kelly came up with a plan and for self-sufficiency with clear, manageable goals. Determined, and with a new support system in place, she started checking those goals off, one by one.

First are foremost, Kelly worked to achieve sobriety. Then she turned her attention toward finding employment. With renewed focus and determination, Kelly started working closely with our Workforce program. She enrolled in college, where she held a position of Student Ambassador, and got a part-time job on campus. Within a year of coming to U.S.VETS, Kelly went from being homeless to earning her Associate of Arts degree and working full-time.

***“There were a lot of barriers that could have derailed me,
but I’m grateful for the support I received from U.S.VETS along the way.”***

Even starting from rock bottom, with enough determination and strong support veterans like Kelly can rise above their challenges. When she thinks about what lies ahead, Kelly fondly recalls another achievement during her time at U.S.VETS – climbing to the top of Thumb Butte with a group of fellow veterans. “Where will I be in the future?” she asks with a smile. “On top of a mountain.”



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