

The Friend of Veterans is an active member of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

In October 2006, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) participated in the National Symposium on the Needs of Young Veterans hosted by AMVETS in Chicago. As a subject matter expert on veterans at risk of homelessness, NCHV engaged in discussions with community-based service providers to identify the most critical needs of veterans returning from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), and their recommendations on government and community interventions that would reduce those veterans' risks of becoming homeless.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor and their community-based service partners represented by NCHV have developed a nationwide network of assistance programs that has reduced the number of homeless veterans on the streets of America by more than 40% since 2005. The Chicago symposium, however, was one of the earliest national assemblies convened to explore strategies to prevent homelessness among combat veterans returning from war. The insights, client challenges and recommendations of those service providers still serve as the foundation of NCHV's Veteran Homelessness Prevention Platform.



When duty called they answered...

Now they need our support...

Please help!



Causes of Homelessness

Homelessness is the end result of problems that an individual cannot resolve without assistance. Generally, these problems can be grouped into three categories – health issues, economic hardships and lack of affordable housing.

The Friends of Veterans “Outreach” program addresses all three issues with a variety of available assistance services as well as a wide range of collaborations with a number of agencies in the Upper Valley.



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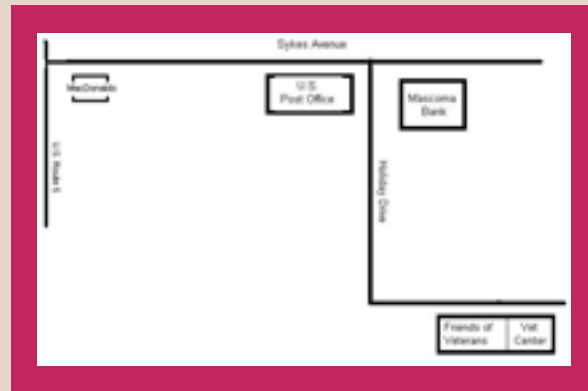
“With this budget, we ... dramatically improve services related to mental health and injuries like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury ... And we provide new help for homeless veterans, because those heroes have a home – it’s the country they served, the United States of America. And until we reach a day when not a single veteran sleeps on our nation’s streets, our work remains unfinished.”

President Barack Obama, March 16, 2009

Our Mission:

“The Friends of Veterans is an organization created by veterans dedicated to helping fellow veterans and their families avoid homelessness. Our compassionate efforts fill a void in current services by providing confidential, rapid response to veterans’ needs.”

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