



NCHV will end homelessness among veterans by shaping public policy, promoting collaboration, and building the capacity of service providers.



NATIONAL COALITION
for **HOMELESS VETERANS**

FY 2010 Annual Report

Chairman's Message

**George Basher, Chairman
NCHV Board of Directors**



Anniversaries are times to reflect on the events of the past and also look forward to what can be accomplished in the future. As we celebrate the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans' twentieth anniversary, I would like to take a minute to do just that:

Established twenty years ago by five Vietnam veterans with a passion to end veteran homelessness, NCHV began advocating for a veteran population that had few services, almost no programs available to address their issues, and no voice in the political arena. Our founders and those organizations that supported them started from this difficult place, struggling for resources for homeless veterans and the community based providers that served them.

We can look back today and see all the good that came from this beginning: the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program, the Grant and Per Diem Program, Health Care for Homeless Veterans, VA Supportive Housing, and the Five Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness. All of these programs and the supporting services provided by our members have combined to dramatically reduce the number of homeless veterans on the street.

Looking ahead, we know that our response to recent success cannot be complacency; the nature of our efforts will change over time to one of early detection of the threat of homelessness and developing effective prevention strategies. More than ever we need to engage the entire community and help today's homeless veterans wherever they are – young or old, urban or rural.

I know that our members are up to the task, and going forward NCHV will continue to lead, innovate and advocate.

On a personal note, this is my last report to the Board of Directors and Membership; having served the maximum term I will step down from the NCHV Board. I want to gratefully thank all of the founders, staff and members who have done the hard work to make my job easier and NCHV the driving force to end homelessness among veterans. God bless you all.

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President and CEO's FY 2010 Report

*John Driscoll, President and CEO
NCHV*

John Driscoll, a Vietnam veteran who served NCHV since 2002 as Director of Communications and Vice President of Operations and Programs, became the organization's third President and CEO on July 1, 2009.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans celebrated its 20th Anniversary in FY 2010. The success of the homeless veteran assistance movement launched by NCHV's founders in 1990 is a stunningly proud legacy. The number of homeless veterans on the streets of America each night – estimated at more than 300,000 in 2003 – had been carved to 107,000 by 2009, according to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates.

Secretary Eric Shinseki, citing the success of programs represented by NCHV, advanced the VA's Five Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness throughout FY 2010. He positioned the agency to respond to the needs of the nation's most vulnerable former guardians in unprecedented fashion, establishing the Center for Veterans Homelessness and the National Call Center for veterans in crisis and their families.

In partnership with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, he expanded access to supportive housing for one-third of the nation's chronically homeless veterans – those with serious mental illness and other disabilities. The increased federal investment in homeless veteran assistance programs since 2008 is a testament to his commitment.

Just prior to the beginning of FY 2010, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) released the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, mandated by Congress in the HEARTH Act, the reauthorization of McKinney-



Vento federal homeless assistance programs. The VA's Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness was incorporated into the Federal Strategic Plan, perhaps the most significant benchmark in the homeless veteran assistance movement. For the first time in U.S. history, the nation had a comprehensive, multi-agency strategy to end and prevent homelessness.

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One of the primary focuses of that strategy is to end veteran homelessness by 2015, and NCHV has been involved in policy and program development on several levels with renewed vigor and a much clearer focus. Through our policy, technical assistance and training initiatives, NCHV has continued to provide leadership and communications support to strengthen programs that provide housing, health services, employment and income security to homeless veterans and their families across the nation.

These pillars of the VA Five-Year Plan were identified in the Veteran Homelessness Prevention Platform, first published by NCHV in October 2006. During FY 2010, NCHV staff and member organizations worked closely with federal and local officials – under the leadership of the Interagency Council on Homelessness – to identify challenges to plan implementation and



Barbara Poppe, Executive Director, USICH, shown here at the 2010 Annual Conference.

the critical partnerships that can address them.

NCHV was invited by ICH to participate in several strategic planning sessions in Washington, D.C., with other select organizations, and met regularly with officials from VA, Department of Labor and HUD to develop a better understanding of the role of community-

based service providers under the plan. That collaboration, and the insights it provided, helped guide our communications support to the nation's veteran service providers, and our advocacy efforts in the nation's capital.

During the year our communications network reached more than 2,400 member and associate organizations that serve homeless veterans; technical assistance was provided to more than 150 Stand Down events; and our training programs reached more than 1,700 organizations nationwide. All of those were record levels. Our VET-HELP line continued to work in partnership with the VA Call Center, and remains an important connection between veterans in crisis, their families, and VA and community organizations that can help them.

The expertise of NCHV members in housing, employment and personal development issues is transforming the homeless veteran service community across America, as it has for two decades. That expertise will provide the local leadership necessary to ensure the success of the Five-Year Plan. National interagency guidelines will empower communities to respond to and prevent homelessness, but local authorities and their partners will ultimately shoulder the responsibility to guarantee the plan's goals are met.

New frontiers in the campaign are emerging: providing family supports, legal assistance to remove barriers to housing and employment, and transition assistance for veterans leaving the military, incarceration and other institutional settings. NCHV members have been involved with these issues for years, but the Federal Strategic Plan focus on homelessness prevention elevates them to national prominence.

In this regard, NCHV is ideally situated to help communities incorporate strategies to end and prevent veteran homelessness into their local plans. Expanding the supply of supportive and affordable housing for veteran families at high risk of homelessness, increasing veteran access to mainstream assistance programs, and strengthening integrated service networks for extreme low-income veterans will become priorities for NCHV during the next several years.

Technical Assistance Center



Melanie Lilliston, Director of Technical Assistance, NCHV

Advancing the capacity-building focus foundation of NCHV's mission, the Technical Assistance Center has expanded and deepened its expertise and activities to provide a wide range of information and training services

to organizations providing employment services to homeless veterans across the country.

The Center, originally funded through grants from the Department of Veterans Affairs and

with continued funding from the Department of Labor under the Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS), provides general technical assistance on veteran homeless assistance program development and administration to grantees and applications for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families Program (HFVVFP), and Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP).

The Center provides information to employers; Veteran Service Organizations; federal, state and local government agency partners; and non-profit organizations including faith-based and community organizations. The Center also

serves as a liaison between the DOL-VETS program leadership and grantees.

The process goals of The Center are to develop, conduct, document and assess extensive outreach efforts to national, state and local governments, organizations and employers, increasing their awareness of the HVRP, HFVFP, and IVTP programs and their objectives to increase employment and training opportunities for homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness. Additionally the Center provides consultations to current and potential grantees and interested partners in an effective, efficient and timely manner, usually within 24 hours of the initial request.



Methods for delivering The Center's products and services include electronic (email and e-newsletter) correspondence, print and on-line resources and publications, group seminars and teleconferences, individual program development guidance, and telephone consultations.

Center staff spends considerable time researching and distributing information to NCHV's network of organizations and agencies through NCHV's website, e-newsletter and newsletter distribution. The NCHV website is continuously updated with new conference information, tools and resources, and notices of government and private funding support. NCHV's newsletter, recognized in the service provider community as the most comprehensive source of published information about homeless veterans and programs to serve them, is distributed to member organizations nationwide. The newsletter informs readers of federal Notices of Funding Availability, non-government funding resources,

and employment resources.

In FY 2010, Center staff provided trainings and workshops, both in person and via teleconference. The Center staff travels extensively nationwide to provide technical assistance on nonprofit management topics and resource development issues, in small group and conference settings. During the fiscal year, staff presented at more than 30 such gatherings.

The 2010 NCHV Annual Conference, attended by representatives of more than 320 organizations from 34 states and the District of Columbia, included more than 60 representatives from four federal agencies.

NCHV's teleconferences offer guidance and direction to organizations seeking additional support and clarification on the HVRP application and program. These organizations often do not have the resources to travel to additional national or regional trainings and benefit greatly from NCHV's teleconferences.

In addition to the group trainings and workshops, The Center staff also provides direct and personalized consultations to homeless veterans and service providers.

FY 2010 Technical Assistance Provided

- **10** teleconferences and **23** in-person trainings involving more than **1,000** service providers.
- **674** published and distributed resources and grants.
- Over **895,000** website hits.
- **6** print newsletters and **24** e-newsletters.
- Private consultations to **2,570** service providers, including:
 - **1,480** consultations on HVRP.
 - **310** consultations on Stand Down development.
 - **544** consultations on supportive housing and general program development.
- **2,240** calls answered from homeless veterans.
- Distribution of hard-copy manuals via mail and training sessions, including:
 - **905** Incarcerated Veterans Guides.
 - **545** Stand Down Manuals.
 - **285** Employment Assistance Guides.

Communications and Programs



Randy Brown, Director of Communications, NCHV

NCHV has grown over the past 20 years from humble beginnings into the recognized leader in information on veteran homelessness. With a communications network that at the end of FY 2010 numbered over 3,900

contacts across the country, NCHV is the nation's top source for information focused on homeless veterans, including news, resources, grants, public policy, events and other updates.

With the implementation of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Five Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness and the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, communicating those plans and what they mean to service providers became a top priority for NCHV. Government departments, Congress, and homeless veteran service providers have increasingly looked to NCHV to disseminate information to the national community of stakeholders in the fight to end veteran homelessness.

In FY 2010, communications staff worked with the Technical Assistance Center and President

launched in 1997, and has grown tremendously both in content and traffic since that time. The average monthly hits on the site in FY 2010 were 74,800. Another increase over the previous year, this is more than twice as many hits per month as five years ago. With funding over the years through technical assistant grants from VA and the Department of Labor (DOL), the site has become a comprehensive resource for homeless veterans, service providers, government agencies and the general public.

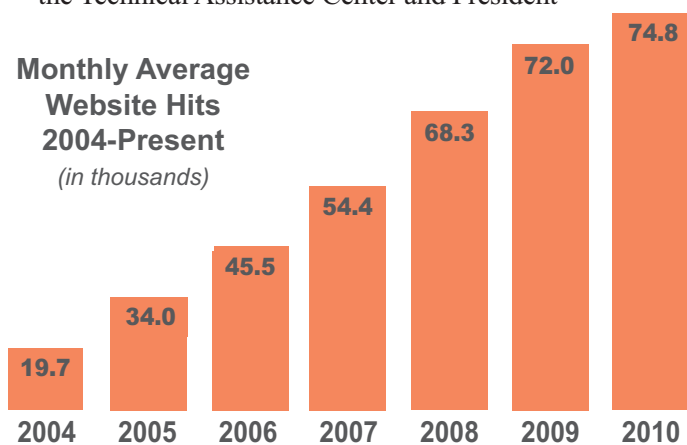
The site features information on NCHV; a step-by-step guide for homeless veterans on how to get assistance, including a searchable nationwide database of homeless veteran service providers; an employment assistance section; a section providing support for service providers; Stand Down information including the national Stand Down registry; the NCHV Resource Library; and more.

All of NCHV's publications, including guides, e-newsletters, brochures and fact sheets, are posted on the website. The monthly e-newsletter goes out to NCHV's full listserv of over 3,900 contacts. The e-newsletter contains the most recent news, resources and grants for service providers. Exclusive to members, NCHV sends a monthly members e-newsletter, as well as a bimonthly print newsletter. Each of these contains even more news, resources, grants, events and public policy information.

FY 2010 saw updates to two of NCHV's most impactful guides, as well as the creation of one new guide. Originally produced through a DOL technical assistance grant, "Planning for Your Release: A Guide for Incarcerated Veterans" has been one of the most requested publications in the NCHV library. The step-by-step guide, updated in December 2009, provides program information, resources and contacts for incarcerated veterans to establish a stable residence and avoid homelessness upon release.

The "Employment Assistance Guide for Homeless Veteran Service Providers," also originally created through a technical assistance grant from DOL, was updated in January 2010. In addition to updated statistics and information, the guide includes the current contact information for all DOL Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

Monthly Average Website Hits 2004-Present (in thousands)



and CEO John Driscoll to ensure essential information reached its audience in a timely, effective manner. NCHV has built a reputation for being the first to report solicitations for applications for federal grant programs, as well as other important resources in serving homeless veterans.

The NCHV website (www.nchv.org) was

(HVRP) grantees, as well as several other new resources.

In July 2010, NCHV released a new guide titled “Homeless Court: Helping to Remove Veterans’ Barriers to Employment.” A previous guide had provided instruction on holding a veterans court at Stand Down events, but as more homeless courts have been developed across the country, there was a need for a comprehensive guide for those looking to create a homeless court in their community. This guide, also produced through NCHV’s DOL technical assistance grant, instructs service providers on how to develop a Homeless Court Program.



Steve Binder, Office of the San Diego County Deputy District Attorney, was a key contributor to the new homeless court guide.

In FY 2009, NCHV launched a Facebook page to have a presence in the online social networking community. The page provides updates, information, and links to increase awareness of and involvement in the campaign to end veteran homelessness among the general public. By the end of FY 2010, NCHV’s Facebook page had over 3,000 fans.

With the federal government showing unprecedented support in ending veteran homelessness through the VA Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness and the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness,

NCHV’s communications role becomes ever more important. Service providers, government agencies, Congress and all other interested parties can continue to turn to NCHV for the most comprehensive, up-to-date information on veteran homelessness in one centralized location.

Special Outreach Programs

Stand Down Registry

At the request of Stand Down founders Robert Van Keuren and Jon Nachison, NCHV became the national coordinator of Stand Downs in 2002. *For more information on Stand Down, visit www.nchv.org/standdown.cfm.*

NCHV publishes a schedule of Stand Down events nationwide on its website as well as in its print newsletter. Stand Down administrators also submit an “After Action Report,” including information on services offered, number of veterans served, and demographic information.

There were 196 documented Stand Downs held in FY 2010, a slight increase from the 190 held in 2009. The total number of veterans served during 2010 Stand Downs was 44,325, a four percent increase from the 42,382 veterans served at 2009 Stand Downs.

Incarcerated Veterans Outreach

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, NCHV provides assistance to veterans in correctional facilities who are preparing to transition back into society upon their release. Through 2010, approximately 15,000 copies of “Planning for Your Release: A Guide for Incarcerated Veterans” have been sent directly to men and women in correctional facilities, and another 5,500 copies have been distributed to prison outreach and case management specialists. The creation of the guide was made possible through a grant from the Department of Labor-Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) in 2004, and an updated version of the guide was produced under a DOL-VETS grant in FY 2010. It is estimated approximately 40,000 veterans leave correctional facilities each year in the United States, and without this pre-release assistance many would be unable to obtain housing and steady employment.

Veterans Toll-free Helpline

The 1-800-VET-HELP line is funded through contributions, and is available to anyone who calls, including family members who need guidance on how best to help their loved ones. The helpline receives a minimum of 125 calls for assistance each month, and that number increases to as many as 160 from late fall to early spring. In FY 2010, the helpline provided guidance to more than 2,200 veterans and family members seeking referrals to assistance programs in their communities.

Callers are informed about the assistance that is available through VA Medical Centers, VA Readjustment Counseling Centers (also known as Vet Centers), local homeless service providers and faith-based organizations in the NCHV database, as well as access to mainstream assistance for which they may qualify.



2010 NCHV Annual Conference

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The 2010 NCHV Annual Conference, “Supporting the Five-Year Plan,” was indeed a historic event – not only because NCHV celebrated 20 years of service, but also because of how far we have come as an organization, and as a nation, in our mission to end homelessness among veterans in America.

In 2009, President Barack Obama made NCHV’s mission a national priority when he proclaimed, “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.”

This year’s keynote speaker of the opening session was the man who took President Obama’s goal and ran with it, leading to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki addressed conference attendees on Monday morning, welcoming them to the Grand Hyatt Washington with words of encouragement, thanks and

good news about VA’s upcoming budget and what it provides for homeless veterans.

“Congratulations on your 20th anniversary, especially those of you who have been here since the beginning. You have so much to celebrate. Starting with 16 members, you now number 275, and can count another 2,100 organizations that rely on you for advice and assistance – including VA.”

“You are the leading authority on homeless veterans in this country and are still the only national organization dedicated solely to helping them. You have fought hard and won greater involvement by government; increased critical funding for veterans homeless initiatives, such as VA’s Grant and Per Diem program; and most importantly, you have made real differences in the lives of tens of thousands of veterans,” said Shinseki.

He remarked that six years ago 195,000 veterans lived on the streets on any given night. Today, that number is estimated at 107,000. Shinseki credited this decrease to the work of community-based service providers that NCHV represents, whom he calls the “creative geniuses” in the effort to end veteran homelessness. He

acknowledged NCHV for nurturing the collaboration that now exists between local, state and federal agencies and community-based service providers.



Shinseki outlined the Five-Year Plan's six pillars, which emphasize prevention rather than rescue, and ensure a "no-wrong-door" philosophy for veterans in crisis. The six pillars are:

- Reaching out to and educating veterans about VA programs – both those who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.
- Ensuring treatment options are available for primary, specialty and mental health care, including care for substance-use disorders.
- Strengthening VA strategy for preventing homelessness – key to its long-term efforts.
- Increasing housing opportunities and providing appropriate supportive services more tailored to the needs of veterans.
- Providing greater financial and employment support, as well as improved benefits delivery.
- Expanding critically important community partnerships.

Barbara Poppe, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), followed Shinseki on Monday morning by praising his efforts to assure that ICH treats the homeless with dignity and respect. She also noted VA staff members' tremendous efforts to work collaboratively and effectively with other federal agencies.

ICH released the first comprehensive national plan to end homelessness the following morning, and Poppe provided conference attendees with some basic information about the plan, titled "Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness."

With feedback from over 1,000 participants who contributed to shaping the plan, Poppe said that there was clarity and concurrence around certain key ideas. The

plan will continue to shift services from managing homelessness to "solutions to homelessness." Armed with research, the federal plan focuses on the needs of the homeless: jobs, housing and access to health care.

According to Poppe, ICH's goals are: 1) to release and implement the federal plan to end homelessness, 2) to direct funds to initiatives that are proven to work, and 3) to implement health reform provided by the Affordable Health Care Act.

Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the third speaker of the morning, touted the federal plan as a comprehensive and serious effort based on research and data, including data from HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). He went on to cite the report's findings that there was a slight reduction in homelessness overall from 2008 to 2009, with the decrease being among singles and the chronically homeless. The report also showed an increase in family homelessness due to the economic recession.

Again citing AHAR, Johnston told the crowd that as a nation, we have created 60,000 new units of permanent supportive housing, and for the first time we have more permanent supportive housing units than shelter beds.



The 2010 NCHV Annual Conference featured 25 training sessions, and the annual awards banquet.

Focusing in on veterans, Johnston revealed that AHAR data indicates one in 10 poor veterans will become homeless in the course of the year. No other population approaches that percentage. Johnston said that HUD will release a special report on homeless veterans in the near future.

Johnston shared some program updates about HUD-VASH, which had 20,000 vouchers in use. An additional 10,000 vouchers had just been allocated, and he stressed the importance of getting all of the vouchers leased up to continue to receive increases in this important program.

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) has the same budget as all other HUD homeless funds combined, and Johnston pointed out that these resources are available and providers need to be aware and involved in making sure people who need them are getting them. These funds from HUD cover back payments for utilities, and also deposits on new apartments.

This is a perfect fit to use in combination with HUD-VASH vouchers to help with lease up, and Johnston said local governments and VA are not partnering effectively enough on HPRP. “The most cost-effective thing you can do to end veteran homelessness is provide \$1,000 in HPRP funds for a deposit to go with a HUD-VASH voucher,” Johnston asserted. Over 400,000 people have been helped by this program already, and HUD will release a report on how many vets have been helped at the end of this year.

Ken Goldsmith, Legislative Counsel and Director of State Legislation for the American Bar Association (ABA), and Lisa Pape, Director of Mental Health Homeless and Residential Rehabilitation Services for VA, finished the opening session sharing input from their respective organizations.

Goldsmith, who talked of recent meetings with NCHV and a partnership moving forward, invited conference attendees to contact ABA representatives in their community. ABA is involved in homeless courts, the Veterans Justice Outreach Initiative, and the veterans benefits claims process, among other legal issues. Goldsmith told the crowd of ABA’s commitment, stating pointedly, “We mean business. We need you.”



Lisa Pape, VA, spoke at the opening session.

Pape encouraged attendees to give VA feedback about challenges they face, and what’s working for them. She expanded on Secretary Shinseki’s remarks, reiterating his point that VA needs community-based service providers to make ending veteran homelessness a reality, but also talking more about upcoming programs focused on prevention.

She mentioned a \$50 million program for support services for low-income veterans and families that will provide funding to improve housing stability, and a pilot program for at-risk veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq (OEF/OIF), with families who are in the process of transitioning from active-duty. VA is developing a registry modeled after HMIS to track and monitor veterans who access homeless services to allow VA

to more effectively address their needs.

After the opening session, NCHV members convened for the annual membership meeting. Dwight Radcliffe, President and CEO of United States Veterans Initiative, and Charles “Chick” Ciccolella, former Assistant Secretary of DOL-VETS, were elected as new members of the NCHV Board of Directors.

From Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning, this year’s conference offered 24 instructional workshop sessions. The increase in sessions over previous years was in response to feedback from previous conferences, and to address new programs and issues in the

homeless veteran service movement in support of VA’s Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness.



Pete Dougherty, VA, was a key presenter at the public policy forum.

A public policy workshop, featuring Pete Dougherty, Director of VA’s Office of Homeless Veteran Programs, Gordon Burke, Director of Operations, Grants and Transition Programs at DOL-VETS, and Anthony Love,

Deputy Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, discussed current legislation relating to homeless veteran policies and programs. Information was provided in this workshop for conference attendees who set up meetings with their representatives in Congress for Tuesday afternoon.

Other sessions covered the full spectrum of homeless veteran issues and services. Topics included: legal issues, mental health issues, prevention, VA resources, DOL resources, HUD-VASH, CHALENG, CoC, supportive housing, OIF/OEF veterans, rural veterans, African American veterans, women veterans, community collaboration, and strategic planning for the future. Presenters included service providers, representatives from federal, state and local agencies, and other experts in the field.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, as people praised excellent facilities, session topics, and presenters. It was also noted by many attendees that discussion in sessions among other service providers is a helpful and informative resource. NCHV strongly encourages such discussion as it helps you as well as helping us to gather information and shape our strategies for representing homeless veteran service providers across the country.

The 2010 NCHV Awards Banquet, held Tuesday evening, honored a select few of the many deserving individuals and organizations working to end veteran homelessness. Ray Jefferson, Assistant Secretary for DOL-VETS, delivered the keynote address and received a rousing ovation.

Jefferson spoke from the heart, opening his remarks by holding up a recent issue of Fortune magazine, the most-read magazine among U.S. CEOs. On the cover of this particular issue was a woman veteran in her military uniform. This is noteworthy, Jefferson explained, because it portrays a shift in opinion among employers.

Jefferson praised the skills and character of this generation of veterans, proclaiming OIF/OEF veterans as “the next greatest generation.” If World War II veterans were the greatest generation, this generation of veterans will also be a greatest generation, providing a pool of resilient, skilled, capable workers to companies across the country.

Continuing, Jefferson said that the letters D, O, and L, the initials of his Department of Labor, can also stand for dignity, opportunity, and life. Those are the intangibles that employment provides for homeless veterans, and those are the intangibles that homeless veteran service providers offer to homeless veterans every day in the field.

The programs under DOL-VETS, such as HVRP and VWIP were mentioned, but Jefferson’s message was one of inspiration and encouragement. Jefferson left the crowd with the quote: “It’s better to light a candle, than to curse the darkness. We are the candles,” said Jefferson. And with his address, he challenged all of us to burn brightly.

John Driscoll, NCHV President and CEO, followed Jefferson with the presentation of the 2010 NCHV Awards. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki was awarded the 2010 Jerald Washington Memorial Founders’ Award during his address at the opening ceremony. The award is named in the memory of Jerald Washington, former organizer of veteran assistance programs in Florida and Tennessee, and a co-founder of NCHV.



Tyrone Chatman (left), Michigan Veterans Foundation, receives the Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement on behalf of Tobi Geibig.

Tobi Geibig, who passed away in September 2009, was honored with the Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement. Driscoll spoke of Geibig’s service as Executive Director of Michigan Veterans Foundation (MVF). “He built a homeless veteran assistance center in a city known for economic hardship spanning the last two decades, in a place where employment opportunities were rare, and affordable housing non-existent. Despite the challenges, his program evolved to serve as a best practice model for both transitional housing and employment supports.” Geibig was serving his third term on the NCHV Board of Directors when he died. Driscoll described Geibig’s service on the board, including how he was always the first to offer encouragement and financial support when NCHV needed it most. Tyrone Chatman of MVF accepted the award in Geibig’s memory.

Other awards presented at the banquet were:

- Meritorious Service Award – Robert Norris
- Meritorious Service Award – Steve Peck, US VETS
- Outstanding Member Award – U.S. VETS-Long Beach
- Congressional Leadership Award – Rep. Bob Filner, San Diego, CA
- Corporate Partner Award – Fannie Mae
- Corporate Partner Award – National Equity Fund
- Corporate Partner Award – Lockheed Martin
- Corporate Partner Award – Northrop Grumman
- Corporate Partner Award – Disabled American Veterans Charitable Services Trust
- VA Staff Award – Barbara Hardyway, Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator, Wichita, KS
- Unsung Hero Award – Ryan Nabors, DAV, Department of Washington
- Unsung Hero Award – Ronald Jelley, Veterans Inc.
- Unsung Hero Award – Connie White, Liberty Manor for Veterans
- Unsung Hero Award – Melanie Lilliston, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

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The partnership between the federal agencies that administer homeless veteran assistance programs and the community-based organizations represented by NCHV has been credited with reducing the number of homeless veterans on the streets of America by nearly 70% in the last eight years.

With the support of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Labor-Veterans' Employment and Training Service, NCHV has developed a communications network that provides program development information, public and private funding notices, material resources, technical assistance and grant compliance guidance to more than 2,400 organizations that serve veterans in crisis nationwide.

As the scope of NCHV's service to the nation's homeless veteran assistance community expands, corporate and individual contributions are becoming increasingly critical. During FY 2010, more than half of NCHV's educational programs and special focus initiatives on emerging issues was funded from individual and corporate contributions.

During our first year of participation in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), NCHV received pledges totaling more than \$177,000 from military and veteran organization members across the country. During FY 2010, NCHV was approved to participate in the CFC for 2011.

While federal grants and contracts continue to fuel NCHV's technical assistance offerings, corporate contributions have helped position the organization among the national leaders in veteran housing issues, services to women and single veterans with dependent children, supportive services for extreme low-income veteran families, and coordinated community prevention strategies.

Funding from Northrop Grumman, the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Trust, and Lockheed Martin have supported development of the Veteran Homelessness Prevention Platform, which was first endorsed by the nation's service provider community at the 2009 NCHV Annual Conference in Arlington, Va. Funding from Northrop Grumman also supported the work of the NCHV White House Roundtable, whose report to the President's chief advisors on veteran issues included many of the prevention platform recommendations.

The generosity of FannieMae and Xerox support NCHV's efforts on behalf of women veterans and single veterans with dependent children. Central office staff met with Department of Labor-Veterans' Employment and Training Service officials to report on service provider concerns and needs during the development of its grant program for homeless women and single veterans with children. Workshops on the needs of women veterans at the NCHV Annual Conference were funded by FannieMae, as were meetings with government officials involved with women issues throughout the year, including those from the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and regional conferences of the Department of Labor.

Contributions from the National Equity Fund, Foundation for American Veterans, and Shoe-Buy.com supported NCHV's participation in several conferences focused on housing issues for homeless and extreme low-income veteran families, and technical assistance services offered to the nation's Stand Down programs.

NCHV received generous contributions from Others First of Detroit, EnduraCare, the Foundation for American Veterans, the Robert & Jamie Taylor Foundation, and President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for general operating support.



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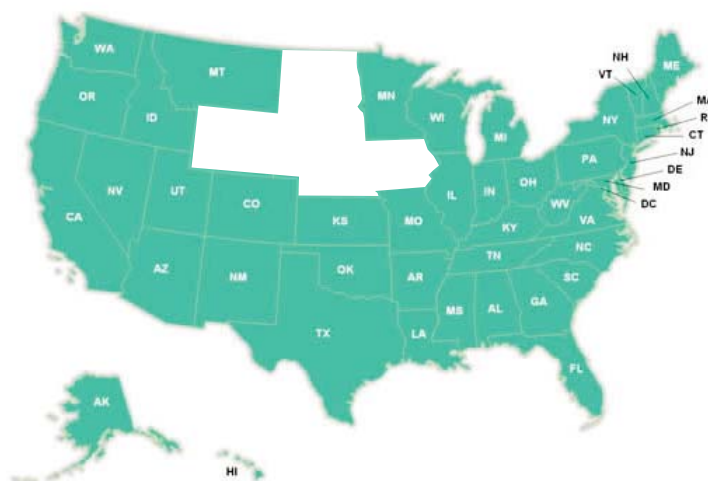


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Membership

NCHV's members include community-based organizations providing the full continuum of care for homeless veterans, VA medical centers, DOL HVRP Grantees, VA GPD Grantees, state directors of veterans affairs, national headquarters of various veteran service organizations, and corporations and individuals committed to ending homelessness among veterans.



Benefits of Membership

- The latest updates in trends, data, and surveys from various sources.
- Legislative alerts and position analyses affecting homeless veterans and nonprofits.
- Technical assistance in non-profit management issues.
- Annual membership meeting and conference of homeless veteran service providers.
- Funding information from government, corporations, and foundations, as well as proposal development guidance.
- Bimonthly 20-page newsletter filled with information on resources, public policy, trends in the care provider community and reports of interest to homeless veteran service providers.
- Monthly Members e-Newsletter.
- Discount on all NCHV-sponsored conferences.

Become a member at www.nchv.org/join.cfm.

NCHV community-based homeless veteran service providers represent 44 states, the District of Columbia and Guam.

Alabama	2	Mississippi	1
Alaska	2	Missouri	6
Arizona	6	Montana	2
Arkansas	1	North Carolina	3
California	35	Nevada	2
Colorado	3	New Jersey	7
Connecticut	6	New Mexico	1
Dist. of Columbia	13	New York	29
Delaware	3	Ohio	10
Florida	14	Oklahoma	1
Georgia	4	Oregon	7
Guam	1	Pennsylvania	11
Hawaii	2	Rhode Island	3
Idaho	2	South Carolina	3
Illinois	10	Tennessee	5
Indiana	4	Texas	9
Kansas	1	Utah	1
Kentucky	3	Vermont	5
Louisiana	5	Virginia	7
Massachusetts	11	Washington	4
Maryland	10	West Virginia	2
Maine	2	Wisconsin	6
Michigan	9		
Minnesota	10		

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2010

Revenue and Support	
Grants	\$ 227,606
Contributions	192,632
Annual Conference	111,390
Membership	56,250
Sponsorships	0
Programs Fees	12,863
Other	1,830
Total revenues and support	\$ 602,571
Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 505,914
Supporting Services	
General and administrative	101,341
Fundraising	43,877
Total expenses	\$ 651,132
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	(48,561)
Net Assets, beginning of year	155,904
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 107,343

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2010

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 106,751
Grants Receivable	25,343
Prepaid Expenses	8,565
Total current assets	\$ 140,659
Property and Equipment, Net	
	120
Deposits	1,760
Total Assets	\$ 142,539
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 13,026
Accrued Expenses	18,418
Payroll Taxes Payable	3,752
Current Portion, Note payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 35,196
Unrestricted Net Assets	107,343
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 142,539



NCHV will end homelessness among veterans by shaping public policy, promoting collaboration, and building the capacity of service providers.

The need for comprehensive federal and local supportive, veteran-specific programs for homeless veterans is well-documented.

These men and women answered the call to serve their country in a way increasingly few Americans ever will.

They deserve nothing less than the full measure of our support in their greatest hour of need.



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