

Getting Veterans OFF THE STREETS

A bold, new initiative to reduce unsheltered Veteran homelessness

From May to September 2025, we're hosting dedicated outreach surge events at every VA in America to move 20,000 unsheltered Veterans into housing.

During these events, VA and our partners go out into our communities to find unsheltered **Veterans wherever they are** to offer them immediate enrollment in housing programs, health care, behavioral health services, and VA benefits—all in real-time.

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Veterans are located by teams that canvass areas where unsheltered people reside—often in encampments, on the streets, in the woods, under bridges.



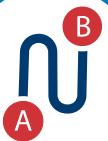
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Veterans are moved into interim (i.e., temporary) housing on the same day. Stabilization begins immediately.



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Veterans are enrolled into permanent housing programs. Medical and financial needs addressed concurrently.



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Veterans are added to by-name lists and tracked person-by-person through services via case conferencing.



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Veterans are moved into permanent housing with case management and sustained VA connections.



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Veterans are connected to wraparound services: primary care, mental health, employment, benefits for long-term stability.



What if a Veteran says no?

Not every Veteran will say yes the first time. Our teams are trained to reconnect, follow up, reassess, and re-engage. Every “no” is a “not yet”.



Benefits

Through this initiative, Veterans are connected to:

- Primary care
- Mental health services
- Vocational rehab
- Benefits assistance

Each is a step toward independence.

Unlike sheltered homelessness, unsheltered homelessness means sleeping outside or in places never intended for habitation—like vehicles, tents, or abandoned buildings. It is the most dangerous form of homelessness as it leaves Veterans exposed to the elements, violence, and serious health risks.