

End Veteran Homelessness

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The National Veterans Employment and Education Commission is requesting all detachments to form their own VE&E Commission/Committee and then in turn, encourage your districts and squadrons to do the same. One of our goals this year is to “End Veterans Homelessness”. Some things you can do to assist with this initiative are: promote veteran employment, volunteer at Stand Downs and Job Fairs, encourage property owners and landlords to house veterans exiting homelessness and collect/distribute move-in essentials. Our commission has also placed on the national website a brochure created by the VA for First Responders. These emergency workers are many times in contact with homeless veterans on a daily basis. This brochure gives these First Responders information that they can provide to these down-on-their-luck veterans. Why not make copies of this brochure and distribute them to your local police and fire departments? Another way that you can assist is to research organizations in your home state that assist homeless veterans and then throw your support behind them. Some examples of these organizations are: Socks for Love (IL), Veterans Village (MO), MCVET (MD), Operation Job Ready Veterans (IN), Homeless Veterans Fellowship (UT), Three Hots and a Cot (AL), Housing for Homeless Veterans (PA), Project Hope Atlanta (GA), Veterans Foundation (MT), America Family Housing (CA) and the Jericho Project (NY). These are just a few examples. What organizations can you find near you? Please assist us as we assist The American Legion to “End Veteran Homelessness”.