



# 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Arlington, Va*

MAY 20-22

## NATIONAL COALITION *for* HOMELESS VETERANS

- Training Workshops on Homeless Veteran Issues
- Networking with Fellow Service Providers
- NCHV Membership Meeting
- Capitol Hill Visits
- Annual NCHV Awards Banquet



# Conference Schedule, May 20-22, 2009

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

**Registration** – 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Opening Session** – 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**NCHV Membership Meeting** – 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Welcome Luncheon** – 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**Public Policy Workshop** – 2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Afternoon Sessions** (*Sessions are split into sections lasting 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.*)

**2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

- ♦ Federal Grants: Intro to the Application Process and Reporting Requirements
- ♦ Legal Issues: Alternative Sentencing - Legal Assistance Guide Project

Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Registration** – 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Morning Sessions** (*Sessions are split into sections lasting 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.*)

**9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

- ♦ Basics of Permanent Supportive Housing
- ♦ OIF/OEF: Early Interventions/Family Benefits for Guard and Reserve
- ♦ Employment Resources: VCU Training

**Capitol Hill Visits** – 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Afternoon Sessions** (*Sessions are split into sections lasting 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*)

**1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

- ♦ Incarcerated Veterans: Effective Transition Preparation and Reintegration Supports
- ♦ OIF/OEF: Health Issues Impacting Veterans of the Current Conflicts
- ♦ Women Veterans

**Annual NCHV Awards Banquet**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

- ♦ VIP Reception

**6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

- ♦ Awards Banquet

Friday, May 22, 2009

**Morning Sessions** (*Sessions are split into sections lasting 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.*)

**9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

- ♦ DOL: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- ♦ Participating in the CHALENG/CoC Process
- ♦ OIF/OEF: Successful Community Support Networks for Returning Veterans
- ♦ OMB Regulations and Grant Requirements

## Hyatt Regency Crystal City

2799 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA  
703-418-1234

**Reservations** - Make room reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency at 703-418-1234.

**Room rate** - \$201.00 plus sales tax.

**DO NOT WAIT** - *for six straight years the block of rooms NCHV reserves for this conference has sold out months before the event. Be sure to identify yourself as attending the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Conference.*

**Room Reservation Deadline - April 28, 2009**

*Reservations must be made by this date to ensure the above rate. After this date, NCHV's block of rooms will be released, and the rate will not apply. Government employees must make payment with a government check to receive the tax-exempt rate.*

# Session Descriptions

## ◆ **Federal Grants: Intro to the Application Process and Reporting Requirements**

Applying for federal funding can often be a confusing and overwhelming process. This session is designed for organizations looking to secure federal grant funds that have not applied before or were not successful in previous applications. During this session instructors will describe the basic components of a federal grant application from the announcement of funding availability to the submission of the grant application. Participants will walk through the different components of an application and will be given recommendations on how to improve their probability of receiving funding.

## ◆ **Legal Issues: Alternative Sentencing – Legal Assistance Guide Project**

Legal issues remain one of the biggest problems homeless veterans currently face. During this session information will be given on several initiatives focusing on alternative sentencing and how organizations can receive guidance on starting programs in their area.

## ◆ **Basics of Permanent Supportive Housing**

As veterans move through transitional housing programs, organizations often struggle with the time constraints and amount of services these programs provide. During this session the Corporation for Supportive Housing will talk about the components of permanent supportive housing and describe how it might look in your community. After a brief overview, participants will review and discuss program profiles of organizations serving homeless veterans through permanent supportive housing programs.

## ◆ **OIF/OEF: Early Interventions/Family Benefits for Guard and Reserve**

Approximately 1.8 million American men and women have been activated for training and deployment for service in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Enduring Freedom (OEF-Afghanistan). Nearly one half of those forces are from Reserve and National Guard units. Nearly half of those have had to leave their families and civilian careers behind more than once. While many National Guard units have or are developing family support programs, more community-based organizations are stepping up to help. This is a critical focus in preventing homelessness among the newest generation of combat troops.

This session will discuss the benefits and services available to the families of the Guard and Reserve, and unit-based initiatives that have proven to be invaluable in easing the stresses of former combat troops, both before and after their deployment.

## ◆ **Employment Resources: VCU Training**

Under a grant from the Department of Labor, Virginia Commonwealth University has been providing technical assistance on employment resources to organizations serving homeless veterans. During this session, VCU will discuss current hot topics as well as numerous resources organizations can access to assist programs serving homeless veterans.

## ◆ **Incarcerated Veterans: Effective Transition Preparation and Reintegration Supports**

During this workshop, service providers will receive guidance on effective intervention techniques to help incarcerated veterans prepare for successful reintegration into society after their release. Presenters will give an overview of some of the most successful transition assistance programs in the country. This information will also help social workers and case managers develop better communication and intervention strategies to help veterans who have criminal histories.

## ◆ **OIF/OEF: Health Issues Impacting Veterans of the Current Conflicts**

Learn more about how to better assist veterans returning from the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Discussion will focus on the most prevalent physical, mental and emotional wounds of these wars, and the scope of supportive services these wounds indicate. Providing an open door to veterans returning from combat – even if just to determine the assistance that veterans need and to whom they should be referred – is the surest safeguard in preventing future veteran homelessness, minimizing the impacts of untreated health issues, and reducing the incidence of suicide.

## ◆ **Women Veterans**

With the continued increase in the number of women veterans, particularly women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, organizations are looking at new ways to successfully address their needs. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about how community-based programs are serving women veterans, and explore ideas that promote education, employment and income supports for women with dependent children.

## Session Descriptions (Continued)

### ◆ **DOL: Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program**

Securing and keeping employment can be very difficult for veterans, especially in this difficult job market. This session will talk about the Department of Labor's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program and provide a forum for organizations to learn how they could use this funding in their local community. DOL staff will also be on hand to provide updates on the program and discuss any concerns current grantees might have.

### ◆ **Participating in the CHALENG/CoC Process**

This session will give service providers the opportunity to learn how to be more involved in these vital community planning processes. Veteran representation in both the VA CHALENG and HUD Continuum of Care processes is directly proportional to the amount of federal funding that will be available to homeless veteran service providers in your community. Learn how to use these programs to enhance the services your organization offers its clients, as well as how to use the information from both to strengthen your federal and state grant applications.

### ◆ **OIF/OEF: Successful Community Support Networks for Returning Veterans**

Most often, combat veterans return to traditional family, friends and community support systems that can help them readjust to civilian life. Some veterans, however, do not have those supports. USERRA guarantees that OIF/OEF veterans can return to their pre-deployment jobs, but many companies are cutting back jobs or failing altogether. The recent economic downturn, housing crisis, and shortage of public funding for veteran assistance programs impacts every community. Learn how your organization can help build or create effective community support networks to prevent veteran homelessness.

### ◆ **OMB Regulations and Grant Requirements**

Once an organization has been awarded a grant, it is vital to ensure that they are following the necessary regulation and grant requirements. This session will go through the basic OMB regulations and grant requirements often forgotten or misunderstood by organizations.

### **American Indian Veteran Assistance and Homeless Prevention Initiatives**

**Thursday, May 21**

A series of workshops will be presented to inform Indian Tribal Governments and service providers about federal assistance grants that identify American Indian veteran communities as a priority population for eligibility. Information will be provided on the specific grant programs, application guidelines and essential components of successful program proposals. Areas of focus will include developing transitional housing, employment, life skills training, and accessing critical VA services.

#### **Session Times:**

- ◆ 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- ◆ 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **CSH Offers Consultations on Developing Permanent Supportive Housing**

Kelly Kent from Corporation for Supportive Housing will be setting up individual times to meet with organizations who are looking to and/or are in the process of developing permanent supportive housing. These sessions will allow organizations to ask questions and receive feedback on their specific development plans. Conference attendees will be able to set up times for consultations at the conference.

#### **Consultations available:**

- ◆ *Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
- ◆ *Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

# Registration Form

Complete one form per person



## NATIONAL COALITION *for* HOMELESS VETERANS

### 2009 Annual Conference & Membership Meeting

Please type or print all sections of the conference registration form and mail or fax to:  
NCHV, 333 1/2 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20003; Fax: 202-546-2063; (toll-free 888-233-8582)

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Are you a NCHV Member?  Yes  No

Would you like to become a member today?  Yes  No

#### REGISTRATION FEES

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**CONFERENCE FEE**  Member.....\$350  
 Non-Member.....\$425

**ONE-DAY ONLY**  Member.....\$185  
 Non-Member.....\$205

**CHECK ONE:**  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

**Registration forms received after May 8 will be charged a \$35 late fee.**

#### PAYMENT

**REFUND POLICY:** A full refund will be made for cancellations if received by April 10, 2009. A 50% refund will be made for cancellations received between April 11-30, 2009. No refunds will be made after April 30, 2009.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ONE-DAY ONLY FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is this your first NCHV Conference?  Yes  No

Type of organization:  Community-Based  
 Faith-Based  
 Fed/State/Local Government Agency  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2009 Annual NCHV Awards Banquet

Thursday May 21  
Reception 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Banquet 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Every year, NCHV honors just a few of the many deserving individuals and organizations who have used their time and energy to help homeless veterans. NCHV members are invited to submit nominations for the awards listed.

- ◆ Outstanding Member
- ◆ Partnership Award
- ◆ Public Policy Award
- ◆ Unsung Hero Award
- ◆ Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award
- ◆ Department of Labor Staff Award

Mail, fax or e-mail your letter of nomination to:  
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans  
333 ½ Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003  
Fax: 202-546-2063 E-mail: [nchv3@nchv.org](mailto:nchv3@nchv.org)

## Capitol Hill Visits



Photo by Kristina Hunken

Thursday May 21  
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Each year at the NCHV Annual Conference, time is set aside for attendees to visit their representatives in Congress to advocate on behalf of homeless veterans. *It is your responsibility to set up these meetings in advance.* The Public Policy Session on Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:45 p.m. will provide information on current legislation and issues for you to discuss while meeting with your representatives. For more information on how to set up a meeting with your members of Congress, visit [www.nchv.org/annualconference.cfm](http://www.nchv.org/annualconference.cfm).



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