

NCHV eNewsletter

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NCHV Has Moved Our Office Location

NCHV has moved to a new office. Our updated mailing address is:

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We are officially up and running in our new home. Thank you for your patience over the last couple weeks as we had interruptions in phone and email access while making the move!

HUD, VA Announce Second Round of HUD-VASH Funding

Additional funding in seven states to house over 100 veterans

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have announced a second round of funding to help provide permanent homes to an estimated 108 veterans experiencing homelessness in seven states. The rental assistance announced earlier this week is provided through the [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) Program](#) which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA.

[In June, HUD awarded nearly \\$38 million](#) to help more than 5,200 homeless veterans find homes. That funding ensured that communities could provide the critically needed housing assistance and case management services to those veterans and their families experiencing homelessness.

To view a list of the awardees from this week's announcement, [click here](#).

Mission Transition: Citi and Military.com Team Up on New Mobile App for Servicemembers and Families

App designed to ease transition, includes veteran employment resources

Military.com launched a free mobile app yesterday that assists military members through their transition out of military service and prepares them for civilian life.

Transition by Military.com is sponsored by Citi, and is free on [Google Play](#) and the [Apple App Store \(iTunes\)](#). The app provides a personalized approach to the transition process with an interactive checklist and notifications to alert the user of upcoming tasks and important military paperwork as far as 18 months before separation from the military. Subject areas featured in the app include: employment, finances, relocation, transition requirements, health benefits, education and veteran benefits. The new app is sponsored by Citi Salutes, Citi's firm-wide commitment to veterans, service members and families, led by Citi Community Development.

The app also includes veteran employment resources such as a job search function from Monster, the parent company of Military.com. The app allows the user to search for upcoming job fairs and leverage tools to translate their military skills to corresponding civilian occupations. The app is designed for all members of the armed forces (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard) and members of the National Guard and reserve components.

The app tailors the transition experience to the user, acknowledging that veterans are a diverse group of people with different needs. A senior officer or enlisted person with 20-plus years in the service will have very different transition needs than a junior officer or enlisted member with four to eight years of service.

"At Citi, we are committed to empowering military personnel and veterans with the tools they need to realize their economic and professional ambitions as they transition out of the military," said Mike O'Neill, Chairman, Citigroup Inc. and former Marine Corps Lieutenant. "Whether it is finding employment, purchasing a new home, or learning how to create a budget, it is our duty to help ensure that our nation's transitioning servicemembers get the support they need."

"Through Citi Salutes, our firm-wide commitment to veterans, service members, and families, led by Citi Community Development, we are proud to collaborate with Military.com to harness technology to provide vital resources that will serve those who bravely served our country," said Ruth Christopherson, Senior Vice President of Citi Community Development and Citi Salutes and retired Colonel, South Dakota National Guard.

Citi is a past recipient of numerous awards for veteran and military efforts, including the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, Victory Media's Top 100 Military Friendly Companies, the Financial Institutions Supporting Heroes Award from VeteransPlus, and NCHV's Corporate Partner Award. The firm is also a founding partner of Veterans on Wall Street.

[Read Citi's blog post about the Transition App here.](#)

Hill Watch: Congress on August Recess

Get involved and ready for their return!

Congress had its last pro forma sessions in the last week of July, after which they left town for the traditional August recess. They will return Sept. 6, after the Labor Day weekend, when NCHV hopes that they will tackle the Veterans First Act, and finish their work on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

In the meantime, do you want to share the value of your program with Congress, and help advance the goal of ending veteran homelessness? Do you have the desire, but don't know where to start? Don't worry, NCHV is here to help! Email jstewart@nchv.org to get involved with the NCHV Advocacy Team.

September is Suicide Prevention Month, Resources from Veterans Crisis Line

Be There campaign information and materials available online

We can all play a role in preventing suicide and it doesn't require a grand gesture or complicated task. During Suicide Prevention Month this September, help the U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD) spread the word that preventing suicide starts with this simple act: **Be There**.

Helping someone feel included and supported can make a big difference during a challenging time. Small actions — calling up an old friend, checking in on a neighbor, or inviting a colleague on a walk — are all thoughtful ways to show someone you care.

Visit VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere to learn more.

If you notice [warning signs](#) in yourself or a Veteran loved one, **call the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](#), or text 838255** to get confidential support 24/7/365.

Funding Opportunities

Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc. serves nonprofits of the greater Memphis region. The areas of interest to the Foundation are health and human services, education and lifelong learning, social justice and ethics, and cultural enrichment and the arts. The next upcoming proposal deadline is Nov. 17. For more information, [click here](#).

Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation invests in organizations focused on improving the lives of those in need in the 13-county Atlanta metro area. The Foundation primarily focuses on organizations focusing on early childhood education, human services, and health. The next application deadline is Sept. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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