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NCHV Testimony at HVAC Hearing on Ending Veteran Homelessness

Evaluating Federal and Community Efforts to Eliminate Veteran Homelessness

On Dec. 11, 2014, NCHV and NCHV members testified before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs at the hearing, "Evaluating Federal and Community Efforts to Eliminate Veteran Homelessness."

NCHV Executive Director Baylee Crone was one of six experts on a panel that included representatives from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Veterans Village of San Diego, Soldier On, Impact Services Corporation, and Volunteers of America.

[Read more about the hearing on Coalition Call](#), NCHV's blog.

[A recording of the hearing is available online.](#) (The hearing begins at the 29 minute mark of the video.)

NCHV Policy Update

Budget effects on homeless veteran programs, and veterans rights issue at the Supreme Court

The NCHV website's Policy & Legislation section has been updated to include two new write-ups on recent policy developments.

Congress recently passed a "CRomnibus" – an appropriations package for the rest of the fiscal year. [In this write-up](#) we discuss how this budget deal impacts our veteran homelessness programs, and the Department of Veterans Affairs in general.

[The other new write-up](#) discusses NCHV's recent involvement with the Supreme Court of the United States. NCHV, along with several other veteran service organizations, wrote an amicus curiae brief for two cases heard by the court last week. The issue of equitable tolling of time limitations was at the heart of both cases. NCHV contributed the perspective of homeless veterans, highlighting the specific needs and challenges of these individuals.

NCHV will continue to update you on the budget, the outcome of the Supreme Court cases, and all other policy matters. Please check this space and the [Policy & Legislation section of our website](#) for more.

Census Bureau Finds Full-Time, Year-Round Employment More Prevalent Among Gulf War Veterans than Non-Veterans

Report paints positive picture of veteran employment

A new report from the Census Bureau, "[The Employment Status and Occupations of Gulf War-Era Veterans](#)," looks at those Gulf War veterans who began service on or after August 1990, the official start of the first Gulf War. It differentiates between "Gulf War I" veterans — those who served only during the August 1990 to August 2001 period — and "Gulf War II" veterans — those who served September 2001 or later or served in both periods. "Working age" is defined as between the ages of 18 and 64.

According to the report, men and women veterans from both Gulf War eras were more likely to be employed in full-time, year-round jobs than their nonveteran counterparts.

The report includes in-depth statistics and analysis on characteristics of the working-age population by sex and veteran status, characteristics of employed and non-employed populations by sex and veteran status, occupations of Gulf War-era veterans, and more.

Key findings in the report include:

1. Over a three year period from 2011-2013, 85.2 percent of male Gulf War I veterans and 78.9 percent of male Gulf War II veterans worked full time, year-round; compared to 75.5 percent of male non-veterans.
2. Over the same period, 75 percent of female Gulf War I veterans and 72 percent of female Gulf War II veterans worked full time, year-round; compared to 63.7 percent of female non-veterans.
3. The top two job categories for full time, year-round employed Gulf War I males were: management; and protective services.
4. The top two job categories for full time, year-round employed Gulf War II males were: protective services; and installation, maintenance and repair.
5. The top two job categories for full time, year-round employed Gulf War I females, and Gulf War II females were: office and administrative support; and healthcare practitioners and technical.

NS2 Serves Offers Software Training for Veterans

With a focus on veterans whose career goals match the program

NS2 Serves, the nonprofit arm of NS2 National Security Services, is accepting applications from post-9/11 veterans for its paid technology and employment training program this spring.

Full-time, paid participants are trained in SAP software solutions that support a variety of U.S. government and business missions. Graduates will earn "Certified SAP Associate" status – a globally

recognized certification that is highly valuable in many career paths. Trainees also receive guidance from business mentors and placement assistance for work in the U.S. national security field or elsewhere in SAP's vast network.

The training is paid, and the program also includes travel, room and board, and a monthly stipend. Applications for the spring class are due Feb. 10.

For more information on the NS2 Serves veteran software training program, eligibility, and how to apply, [click here](#).

Rapid Re-Housing Resources from NAEH

Including new monthly Rapid Re-Housing Newsletter

In conjunction with the announcement of their new monthly newsletter, "Rapid Re-Housing Update," the National Alliance to End Homelessness recently highlighted several rapid re-housing resources they currently have available.

These resources include:

1. [Core Components of Rapid Re-Housing Fact Sheet](#)
2. [Rapid Re-Housing: A History and Core Components Solutions Brief](#)
3. [Rapid Re-Housing Core Component: Housing Identification Webinar Recording](#)
4. [Rapid Re-Housing Toolkit](#)
5. [Ramping Up Rapid Re-Housing: The Emergency Solutions Grant Program Solutions Brief](#)

For the latest on rapid re-housing, stay tuned to the NAEH rapid re-housing homepage at www.rapidre-housing.org.

Funding Opportunities

People's Gas is committed to building and sustaining a healthy and vibrant community in the company's service area of Chicago. Contributions are made in unrestricted or program-directed grants to nonprofit organizations serving the Chicago area. Focus areas are: arts, community development, education, human services and health, and environment. For more information and to begin an application, [click here](#).

The Securian Foundation makes contributions in the community to enhance quality of life and advance the common good. The Foundation focuses its funding in the state of Minnesota, and on programs that address the following areas: economic independence, education, human services and special needs, and the arts. The next deadline for applications is Feb. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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