

Corporate Connection

June 2013 | Rural Funding for Housing,
Transportation, Upcoming Symposium;
Military Friendly Employers; NCHV
Annual Conference Presentations

Corporate Connection Needs Your Input

Successful collaboration needs community organization's goals, wish lists

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans created the Corporate Connection (CC), in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, to help America's businesses increase access to housing, employment and family stabilization services for homeless and at-risk veterans and their families.

While businesses serve as one focus of CC, community-based organizations play an essential role in reaching out to the private sector. The CC helps private companies know more about how volunteering, donations, veteran hiring initiatives, or other charitable outreach can make an impact on veteran homelessness; however, without the knowledge and support provided from local organizations, these collaborations cannot succeed.

[Continue reading](#) to learn more about what CC offers and how your input can help your organization or business.

Resources for Programs Serving Rural Veterans

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities' loan and grant program supports homeless service providers

One of the most well received sessions at the NCHV Annual Conference focused on serving the needs of rural veterans. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) Program exemplified one of the programs highlighted during this session.

The CF Program provides financing through direct and guaranteed loans and grants to units of local government, nonprofit organizations and federally-recognized Indian Tribes for the development



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Presentations from 2013 NCHV Annual Conference

- Download slides from sessions; more presentations to be updated
- Visit the [NCHV Annual Conference page](#) for all the latest presentations.

Military Friendly Employers

G.I. Jobs Top 100 Military Friendly Employers: [Full List](#)

of essential community facilities in rural areas. These loans and grants may be used to support the construction, purchase, development or renovation of essential community facilities for public use in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less.

The Corporate Connection interviewed Anita Outen, Senior Loan Specialist for the CF Program to ask some additional questions related to the application process and how organizations can best proceed to seek funding.

[Continue reading](#) for interview excerpts, information on the CF program, and links to contact the USDA in your community.

HAC Symposium: Housing Seniors and Veterans in Rural America

August 28-29 in Council Bluffs, IA

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) is hosting a symposium, *Housing Seniors and Veterans in Rural America: Preservation, Development and Services*, on Aug. 28-29 in Council Bluffs, IA. The symposium will provide training and information on housing for these vulnerable populations in rural America.

Workshop topics will include:

- Housing Vulnerable Populations: Demographics of Aging and Veterans in Rural Areas
- Housing Resources for Rural Seniors and Veterans
- Multifamily Housing: Developing and Preserving Rental Housing in Rural Communities
- Housing Needs of Rural Homeowners

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Understanding Your Employment Rights Under the ADA: A Guide for Veterans

FAQ resource for quick reference for HR professionals and veterans

In recent years, the percentage of veterans who report having service-connected disabilities (i.e., disabilities that were incurred in, or aggravated during, military service) has risen. About twenty-five percent of recent veterans report having a service-connected disability, as compared to about thirteen percent of all veterans. Common injuries experienced by veterans include missing limbs, spinal cord injuries, burns, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), hearing loss, traumatic brain injuries, and other impairments.

- This list focuses most on awards and recognition.
- Comprehensive listing with company details for each business on the list

Military Times EDGE Top 100 Military Friendly Employers: [Full List](#)

- Military Times EDGE surveyed more than 1,000 major companies and top government contractors with a detailed questionnaire about their recruiting and hiring policies, social recognition for veterans and pay and benefits for reservists.
- List provides basic company information with links

How Your Business Can Help

- Volunteer, e.g., team-based, individual, skills-based
- Donate money to a local service provider
- Start a veterans' hiring initiative
- Participate in NCHV's Annual Conference
- Donate products, excess inventory, or other in-kind goods to a local service provider
- Join NCHV's Corporate Honor Roll

Quick Links

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- [Veterans Housing Portal](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

The U.S. Equal Opportunity Employment Commission has produced a guide, "Understanding Your Employment Rights Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): A Guide for Veterans," which is intended to answer questions veterans may have about their rights as an injured veteran, now that they have left the service and are returning to a civilian job or seeking a new job. It also explains the kinds of adjustments (called reasonable accommodations) that may help veterans be successful in the workplace.

For more information and to view the guide, [click here](#).

About the Corporate Connection

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