

Corporate Connection

May 2013 | *Employment Partnerships and Practices; Addressing Permanent Housing Needs*

VIP Speakers Announced; Employment and Housing Track for Annual Conference HUD, VA Secretaries among featured speakers; session tracks to focus on employment practices and foreclosed properties

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and VA Secretary Eric Shinseki are two of the confirmed featured speakers for the Opening Session of the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference, May 29-31 in Washington, DC. USICH Executive Director Barbara Poppe will also make opening remarks. Corporate sponsors The Home Depot Foundation and Citi Community Development will be represented by President Kelly Caffarelli and Director Natalie Abatemarco, respectively.

The NCHV Annual Conference provides the nation's most comprehensive source of training on homeless veteran services, programs, best practices, and resources for service providers and their partners. This year, the Annual Conference will focus on the innovative, research-based practices from the service provider community that have had significant impacts on efforts to end homelessness among veterans.

Sessions will include the Corporate Connection-related tracks **Housing Services and Philanthropy** and **Employment and Outcome**. Specific trainings include *Converting Foreclosed Properties*, *Rural Housing Resources*, and *American Job Center Resources*. The Conference will provide training opportunities and forums for engagement with partners from several Federal agencies, leaders in business and philanthropy, and experts from the service provider community.

The Corporate Connection will provide commentary and insights from the Conference in the June newsletter.

Visit the [NCHV Annual Conference webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information.



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2012 Employment Situation of Veterans

- Learn more in this [short research brief](#) on the Bureau of Labor Statistics report on the employment situation of veterans for 2012.

Joining Forces

- Generated jobs for **290,000** former servicemen and their spouses to date.

National League of Cities - Military Communities Council Focuses on Needs of Veterans

City officials come together to support veterans and ease transition, employment, and housing issues

The National League of Cities approved the [Military Communities Council](#) to provide veterans a voice within their local community. The Council is a space for elected officials to come together and discuss issues facing current military and veterans and find solutions that will help veterans thrive in their community. The work centers on veteran and military family issues including jobs, housing, education and health care. The network has also provided an excellent channel and connection for the veteran housing work NLC is currently doing in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation.

The Council has covered a range of topics including establishing a military-community covenant, transportation and infrastructure issues that arise due to growth at a nearby military installation, best practices for city leaders to work successfully with local military leadership, and many veteran and military family issues around providing jobs, housing, education and healthcare.

To learn more about the Council and how your organization or business can get involved, contact [Alison Scher](#) at NLC.

Updated Transition Assistance Program Helping Veterans Find Jobs

DOL-VETS Congressional testimony from April 24

The redesign and updating of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) has resulted in a "well received, well-tested curriculum" that helps separating military personnel prepare for and find employment, Congress was told on April 24.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service John Moran testified that the new TAP employment workshops, which were piloted at various military bases, include increased emphasis on networking and communicating a veteran's job skills to an employer.

The workshops also focus on "the mechanics of getting a good job, exploring career interests, building a resume, preparing for interviews, and negotiating job offers," he said. Moran spoke at a House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 and President Obama's Veterans Employment Initiative. The latter is

- New set of pledges from companies to hire or train **435,000** more veterans in the next five years
- Companies include Deloitte, AT&T, USAA, McDonald's, Home Depot, UPS and BNSF Railroad.
- [Veteran Recruiting Services](#) will hire 50,000 veterans as part of its VetFriendly campaign. The campaign will consist of nationwide virtual career fairs and a military friendly employer index by industry.
- More [information](#).

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

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aimed at helping veterans find civilian employment, receive academic or technical training or start an independent business.

To read Moran's full testimony, [click here](#).

NCHV Publishes Overview of Transition in Place Questionnaire

New model for Grant and Per Diem Program to expand permanent housing options for veterans

In early 2013, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) conducted a survey of current Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program recipients in order to assess their capacity to implement the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Transition in Place housing model. More than half of all unique GPD points of contact participated in this survey.

Due to a variety of factors, many GPD service providers may have misestimated their ability to implement Transition in Place. This survey nonetheless provides insight into these service providers' mindsets as they consider implementing this innovative housing model.

To download an overview of NCHV's Transition in Place Questionnaire, [click here](#).

About the Corporate Connection

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) created the Corporate Connection, 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. To learn more, visit the [Corporate Connection](#).