

## NCHV eNewsletter

November 2016



### **This #GivingTuesday, Make a Gift to NCHV** Funds raised strengthen programs, resources to end veteran homelessness

We hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving weekend! NCHV is thankful for each of you who work in your communities to help veterans off the street and into permanent sustainable housing. We are equally thankful to each of you whose work is connected to those efforts in some way, and to those who work in other fields who simply find it unacceptable that nearly 40,000 veterans of our country's armed forces are still homeless on a given night.

Without each of you and the unique impact you have in your community, the progress made over the past six years (a 50% reduction in veteran homelessness since 2009) would not be possible.

This year, NCHV is participating in the [#GivingTuesday campaign](#) - a day to step back from the shopping-centered holiday weekend and make a contribution to an organization that you value. [To make a gift to NCHV, visit our #GivingTuesday campaign page.](#)

Thank you for your work, and for your support throughout the year!

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### **Hill Watch: Deadlines for Congress Approaching** Final funding bill and legislative action

Following Election Day, Congress has returned to D.C. to revisit the work of funding the government for the upcoming fiscal year, and to finish their legislative agendas.

NCHV has [updated you in recent months on the passage of funding bills for the Department of Veterans Affairs](#), but the remaining portions of the government – including the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Labor – will run out of money on Dec. 9, 2016 if no action is taken by Congress. There is no publicly available information on how this will play out: will this Congress decide to extend funding via another continuing resolution to allow the incoming Congress to make the decisions, or will they decide to finish what they started themselves?

Also on the minds of the members of this Congress is the approaching deadline for passage of existing bills. When this Congress gavels out, every bill that has been introduced will be wiped clean, and will have to restart its movement through the legislative process all over again. For our purposes, these bills include provisions for eligibility for homeless services, the definition of homelessness for veterans, and the ability for per diem to be paid for the support of dependents of homeless veterans, among other issues.

In addition, both the House and Senate are hoping to pass one last major veterans bill before they close the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. This large veterans bill has included a number of important homeless veterans provisions in a number of its iterations over the past two years. NCHV is working to ensure that if this bill does pass before the end of this Congress, that the strongest and most impactful provisions are included.

Now that lawmakers have returned from their Thanksgiving break the process can continue. NCHV will keep you updated here and on our website.

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## **Webinar – Job Accommodations: Putting Veterans with Disabilities to Work**

**Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET**

The National Veterans Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) is hosting the webinar “Job Accommodations: Putting Veterans with Disabilities to Work” on **Thursday, Dec. 1 at 2:00 pm ET**.

Job accommodations can be vital for the successful employment of individuals with disabilities. Knowing how, when, and why it might be necessary to disclose a disability is the first and often most difficult part of the accommodation process. This webinar will provide information on disability disclosure in the workplace, highlight limitations commonly associated with veterans, and discuss possible accommodations. You’ll learn about the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) and the resources available to assist you and your clients. The session will include examples of real life accommodation situations and solutions and time for questions.

The featured guest speaker for this webinar is Melanie Whetzel, Lead Consultant, Cognitive/Neurological Team at JAN.

### **TO REGISTER FOR “Job Accommodations: Putting Veterans with Disabilities to Work”:**

Go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8146518423431171074> and complete the registration form.

You will receive instructions for joining the training when you register. For additional questions, please contact Maddie Goldstein at [mgoldstein@nchv.org](mailto:mgoldstein@nchv.org).

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## **Free Financial Literacy Webinars for Veterans from Clearpoint** **Two webinars remain in series**

Join the Clearpoint Military Reconnect team on the following dates for free financial literacy webinars for veterans! Register at the links below.

**Nov. 30 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST** “Credit Confidence” Learn how credit can affect your financial life and identify strategies to manage your credit now and in the future. [Click here to register.](#)

**Dec. 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST** “Identity Theft” Find out ways to protect your personal information from identity thieves, and what to do if you have been a victim. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Webinar – National Center for Veterans Studies Presents Interventions for Suicidal Military Populations

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm CT

Suicide is one of the most challenging mental health issues faced by today's service members and veterans. In 2012 and 2013, suicide became one of the leading causes of death in the military, exceeding deaths due to war, homicide, heart disease and even cancer. To respond to this alarming increase in suicides, the Department of Defense invested significant resources into studies focused on military suicide research. A recent study found that brief cognitive behavioral therapy reduced suicide attempts among military personnel by 60 percent compared to those receiving a standard treatment.

Join this FREE national web event on effective therapies for suicidal behavior and the latest findings from military suicide research. Space is limited!

Participants will explore:

- Essential elements of effective therapies for suicidal behavior
- The fluid vulnerability theory of suicide
- The primary motives that underlie suicidal behavior
- Three phases of brief cognitive behavioral therapy for suicide risk

To register for this event, visit

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9148235089322134276>.

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## Funding Opportunities

**The NewAlliance Foundation** provides financial support to charitable organizations addressing community needs in the arts, community development, health and human services, and youth and education. The Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations serving communities in Connecticut. The next deadline for applications is Dec. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

**The Robert and Frances Chaney Family Foundation** provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations serving Jackson and Josephine Counties in Oregon, Barry County in Missouri, and Cabell County in West Virginia. The Foundation prioritizes its giving to programs in the following categories: faith-based, human services, public safety, and youth enrichment. The next deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 2017. For more information, [click here](#).

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