



The Aging Homeless Veteran

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Statistics Relating to Aging Veterans

- Current U.S. Veterans Population: 22,328,000
 - Female Veterans: 2,249,000 (10%)
 - Veterans 65 and older: 43.06%
- Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Era: 9,900,000 served
 - All of these veterans were at least 55 years old, and two-thirds were at least 65 years old
 - 97% of all these Veterans were men
- Veterans of Other Service Periods (between the wars listed above and up to Gulf War Era I): 5,700,000
 - 41% of these veterans were 45 to 54 years old
 - 38 percent were 65 years and over



Wartime Periods of Service

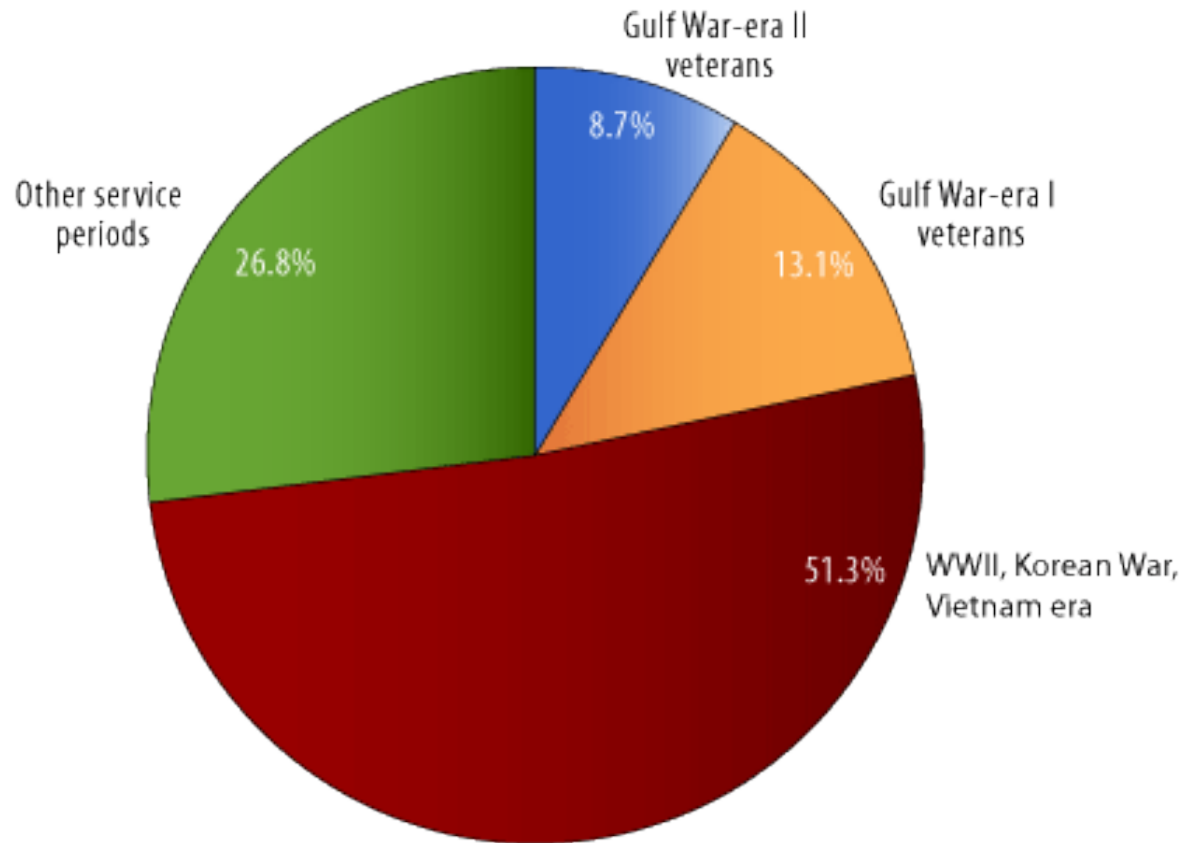
- World War II — Dec. 1941-Dec. 1946
- Korean War — July 1950-Jan. 1955
- Vietnam era — August 1964-April 1975
- Gulf War era I — August 1990-August 2001
- Gulf War era II — Sept. 2001-present

Veterans who served during the WWII, Korean and Vietnam wartime periods account for nearly one-half of the current total veteran population.



Veterans by Periods of Service

Veterans by Period of Service





Our Responsibility to Serve the Aging Homeless Veteran

Employment Statistics

- In 2013, nearly 1/3 of male veterans of these wartime periods were in the labor force
- Their unemployment rate was 6.5 percent for male and 6.9 percent for female
- Male veterans of these wartime periods had lower labor force participation rates than did male nonveterans in the same age categories, while unemployment rates were similar
 - Many Veterans have stopped looking for employment opportunities



Veteran Suicide Rates

- In 2012, there were a total of 319 suicides among active duty personnel and 203 among those in the reserve components.
 - The 2012 suicide rate for the active component was 22.7. For the reserve components it was 24.2.
 - Army had 155 soldiers commit suicide. A total of 57 airmen and 59 sailors committed suicide, with 47 Marines taking their lives.
 - A total of 841 service members had one or more attempted suicides in 2012.
- Source: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=122126>



Older Veteran Suicide Rates

- History of U.S. military service increases with age, with the highest percentage of Veterans aged 55 years and older.
- State death certificates indicates that the ages 50-59 years is an important group for addressing risk for suicide.
- Between 1999 and 2010 the average age of male Veterans who died from suicide was 59.6 years
- More than 69% of Veteran suicides are among those age 50 years and older.



Percentage of Suicides by Age and Veteran Status

| Age Group | Non-Veteran | Veteran | VHA Veteran |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| 29 years and younger | 21.6% | 6.0% | 3.0% |
| 30 – 39 years | 19.3% | 9.1% | 5.2% |
| 40 – 49 years | 24.5% | 15.6% | 14.0% |
| 50 – 59 years | 18.2% | 20.0% | 23.4% |
| 60 – 69 years | 8.1% | 16.5% | 19.6% |
| 70 – 79 years | 4.6% | 18.6% | 20.0% |
| 80 years and older | 3.7% | 14.2% | 14.8% |

Source: Suicide Data Report 2012; VA. by Janet Kemp RN, PhD and Robert Bossarte PhD



An Army of One





Funding Silos





Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Age is an Asset; Experience a Benefit

- SCSEP is a community service and work-based training program for older workers. It is funded through the Department of Labor under Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965.
- Every county in every state has funding for eligible, low income mature workers, with a few exceptions.





Eligibility for Services

- Low-income
- Age 55 or older
- Unemployed, and
- Would benefit from SCSEP
- **Veterans preference**





Paid Work-based Training

Program participants are in training an average of 20 hours a week, and are paid the highest of Federal, State or local minimum wage, as a training stipend, by their service provider (I.e., Easter Seals)





Benefits to the Community

- Host Agencies and employers find that mature workers:
 - ✓ Are great mentors for younger employees
 - ✓ Provide Services to the community they could not otherwise afford
 - ✓ Have a strong work ethic
 - ✓ Are dependable
 - ✓ Are eager to learn





Co-enrolling Participants

You can co-enroll SCSEP participants with other employment-related programs such as HVRP and SSVF if you both provide different services leading to employment - it doesn't matter which organization actually placed them, you ALL get to count it as a successful placement!





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Employment Training - Older Worker Program - SCSEP

[Senior Community Service Employment Program](#) (SCSEP). Helps subsidize part-time employment and training in community service positions so that older workers can move to unsubsidized, private sector jobs

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Our Responsibility to Reach Out





Veterans Employment and Training Service

- American Job Centers offer a wealth of resources including specialized Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) staff who work solely with veteran populations and can provide relevant veteran applicant referrals.
- Resources available through the VA and SCSEP include; Potential job openings, skills identification and training, career planning, workshops and links to other resources.



State Vocational Rehabilitation Programs

- To be eligible for VR services, individuals must have a physical or mental impairment that is a substantial impediment to employment and must be able to benefit from services in terms of going to work.
- Services provided through VR and SCSEP include: educational opportunities; vocational assessment, evaluation and counseling; job training; assistive technology; orientation and mobility training; job placement and retention services.



Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

Program Highlights

- Funded by the US Department of Labor VETS
- Serving veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Veterans must have been discharged under other than dishonorable circumstances
- Veteran must have at least one day of Federal active duty service
- Veterans must be employable and willing to actively seek employment



Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

Services Provided to Veterans

- Person Centered Focused Case Management
- Employment Counseling And Placement
- Housing Assistance
- Skills Training (computers, etc.)
- Business Clothing for Interviews
- Referral to Additional Resources



Senior Community Service Employment Program

Services Provided to Mature Workers

- Person centered focused case management
- Participants are provided 20 hours per week of paid training at local non-profit agencies to prepare them for employment.
- Employment Counseling
- Skills Training
- Business Clothing for Interviews
- Referral to Additional Resources



Providing Services to those Who Have Earned It





Client Co-Enrollment Options





Benefits of Co-Enrollment

- **Benefits to Participants**

- Team Support – All providers working for the participant
- Employment Specialist – Stabilization, Training, Supportive Services
- Business Developer – Networking with Employers

- **Program Benefits**

- Leverage of Funds
- On the Job Training
- Memorandum of Understanding Agreements
- Increased Networking Opportunities

- **Partner Benefits**

- Economic Development
- Leverage of Funds
- Increased Visibility



Responsibilities: Detailed Assessment

- Screening tools:
 - Interview style; short in duration, can be administered by case manager, intake specialist, etc.
- Assessment tools:
 - To be conducted by appropriately trained clinical professionals; should be ongoing, not a one time assessment.
- Conduct universal screening as early in the intake process as possible
 - For those with positive screens, refer to professional for assessment and to guide appropriate placement and IEP



Key Screening Domains

- For Possible Co-occurring Barriers to Employment
 - Mental
 - Substance use
 - Trauma/PTS
 - Risk of suicide
 - Motivation



Substance Use Screening Instruments

- [Global Appraisal of Individual Needs \(GAIN-SS\)](#)
- [TCU Drug Screen II](#)
- [TCU Drug Screen II Scoring Guide](#)
- [Simple Screening instrument \(SSI\)](#)



Mental Health Screening Instruments

- Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS)
- Mental Health Screening Form III (MHSF III)
- Modified Mini Screen (MMS)
- Correctional Mental Health Screen (Men)



Trauma and PTS

Screening Instruments

- Stressful Life Events Screening Questionnaire-Revised (SLESQ-R)
- Impact of Events Scale (IES)
- Primary Care PTSC Screen (PC-PTSD)



...and now, We Serve





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