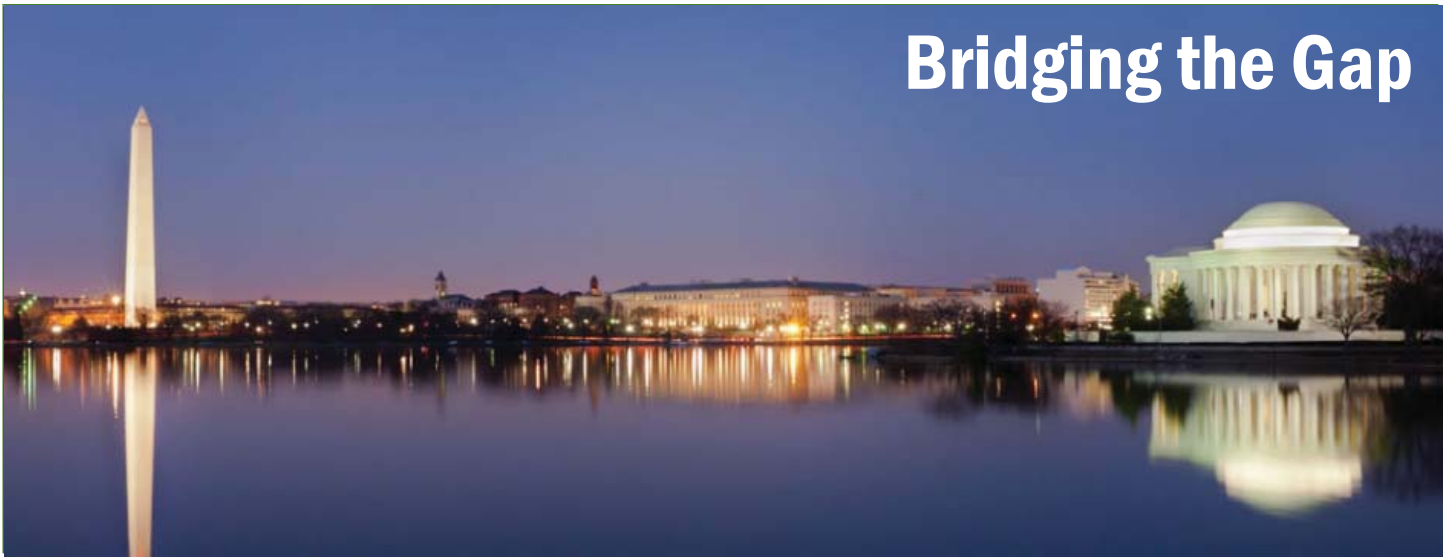


# Bridging the Gap



## 2014 NCHV Annual Conference

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May 28-30, 2014  
Grand Hyatt Washington  
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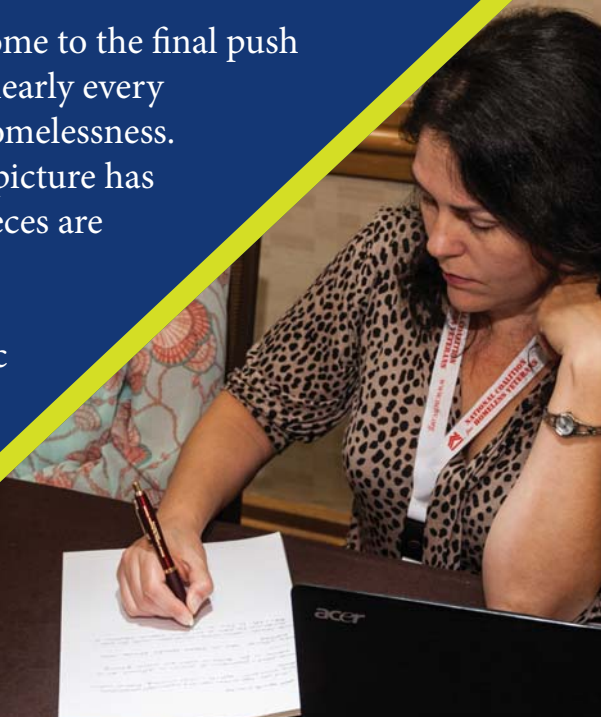
## The 2014 NCHV Annual Conference...

will take place May 28-30 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Over the past four years, as the VA Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness has been developed, unveiled, and executed, the NCHV Annual Conference has served as the stage for annual updates from VA, HUD, and DOL officials, as well as a forum for service providers and other experts in the field to share their successes, challenges, and strategies moving forward.

This year's conference holds even more importance as we come to the final push of the Five-Year Plan. Our theme is "Bridging the Gap." In nearly every community across the country, the resources exist to end homelessness. However, having every puzzle piece does not mean the full picture has been completed. We must connect the pieces and, where pieces are still missing, push for targeted and immediate action.

This connectivity and action must be informed and strategic if we are to achieve the objective of ending homelessness among veterans by 2015.

Join us for this vital three day training event featuring over 30 sessions led by expert panelists from government, research, and the service provider community.



## Conference Schedule Highlights

### Wednesday, May 28

- 7:00 a.m. - Registration table opens, breakfast provided
- 8:30 a.m. - Opening Session begins
- 10:30 a.m. - NCHV Members Meeting begins
- Noon - Networking lunch (lunch provided)
- 1:30 p.m. - Afternoon sessions begin
- 1:30 p.m. - Public Policy session begins

### Thursday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. - Registration table opens, breakfast provided
- 9:00 a.m. - Morning sessions begin

- 11:45 a.m. - Lunch break
- 1:15 p.m. - Afternoon sessions begin
- 5:00 p.m. - NCHV Awards Banquet cocktail hour (cash bar)
- 6:00 p.m. - NCHV Awards Banquet (included in full conference registration)

### Friday, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Registration table opens, breakfast provided
- 9:00 a.m. - Morning sessions begin
- 11:45 a.m. - Conference concludes

**For the latest updates and to register online,  
visit [www.nchv.org](http://www.nchv.org)!**

# Scheduled Sessions (subject to change)

## **Track 1: Removing Legal Barriers**

- 1.1 Homeless Veteran Justice Initiative through the ABA Commission
- 1.2 Child Support Initiatives and Connecting to Local Legal Clinics
- 1.3 Legal Court Models: Veteran Treatment Courts and Homeless Court Programs
- 1.4 Discharge Upgrades, and Where to Go For Services until the Upgrade
- 1.5 VA Legal Services: Healthcare for Re-entry Veterans and Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative
- 1.6 SSVF and Legal Services
- 1.7 Legal Services through Department of Justice

## **Track 2: Access to Affordable Housing**

- 2.1 Rural Housing: Resources from USDA and Philanthropy
- 2.2 GPD Capacity and Transition in Place Models
- 2.3 Housing First Implementation
- 2.4 Supporting Home Ownership
- 2.5 SSVF and Rapid Rehousing
- 2.6 Community Boot Camps
- 2.7 Housing Services within the Continuum of Care

## **Track 3: Employment, Training, and Income**

- 3.1 Using SOAR to Connect to Social Security Benefits
- 3.2 Social Security Benefits and Employment Networks
- 3.3 USICH Member Agency Employment and Training Resources
- 3.4 VA Services: CWT, VR&E, CRRC, and Benefits
- 3.5 HVRP and DOL-VETS Employment Resources
- 3.6 Evidence Based Supported Employment: Working with Veterans with Serious Barriers to Employment

## **Track 4: Data Improvement**

- 4.1 HMIS: How to Use it at Your Organization
- 4.2 VI-SPDAT: Targeting Tools for Smart Service Planning
- 4.3 New Research from the National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans

## **Track 5: Emerging Unmet Needs**

- 5.1 Tribal and Minority Populations: Needs and Services
- 5.2 Rapid Placement for Veterans with Families
- 5.3 Traumatic Brain Injury and Homelessness
- 5.4 Trauma Informed Care
- 5.5 Communicable Diseases
- 5.6 The Aging Homeless Veteran: Rights and Responsibilities of Service Providers
- 5.7 Medical Services through HHS; The Affordable Care Act



## Hotel Information

The 2014 NCHV Annual Conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington, located in Washington, D.C. All conference attendees are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the discounted government rate of \$224 per night. Be sure to reserve your room early as this block typically sells out.

The Grand Hyatt Washington is located at 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. To make your room reservations, call the hotel directly at (202) 637-4777 and mention the NCHV conference.

The Grand Hyatt Washington is an 888-room convention hotel located in the heart of Washington's business and federal districts, just steps away from the Washington Convention Center, the MCI Center, the White House, and the district's free monuments and museums. It is also in close proximity to many renowned theaters. This dramatic, 12-story atrium hotel features 36 suites and 40,000 square feet of meeting space, with cutting-edge audio-visual capability on-site.

The Grand Hyatt Washington has direct underground access to the Metro subway and is located at the Metro Center subway station.

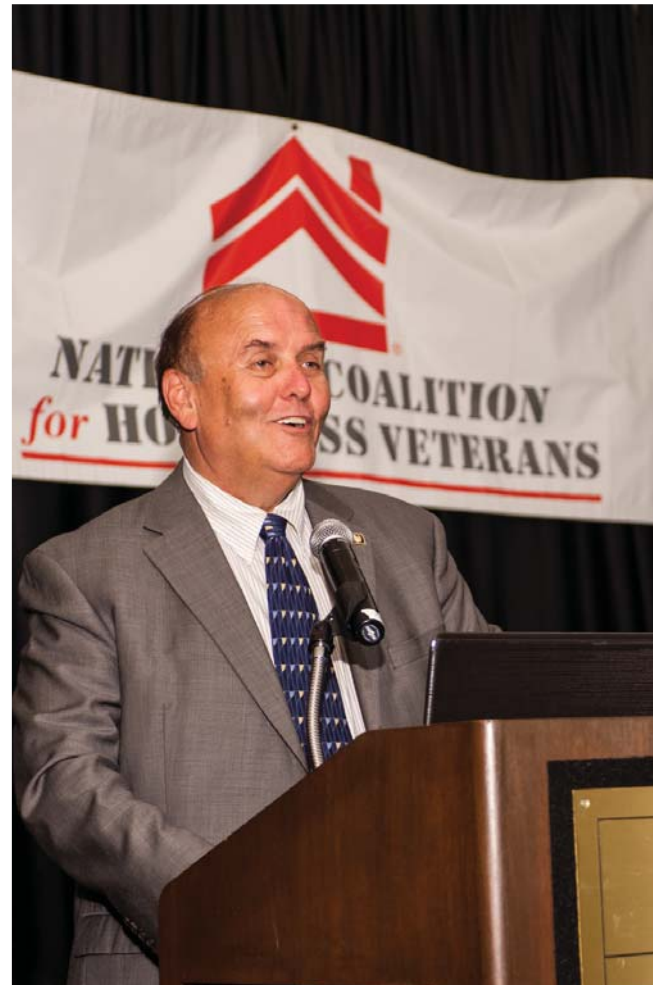
## Annual NCHV Awards

Every year, NCHV honors some of the many deserving individuals and organizations who have devoted their time and energy to help homeless veterans. NCHV members are invited to submit nomination letters for the awards listed below:

- Outstanding Member
- Partnership Award
- Public Policy Award
- Unsung Hero Award
- Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award
- Department of Labor Staff Award

Email your one to two-page letter of nomination, including the nominee's name and the award you are nominating them for, to [rbrown@nchv.org](mailto:rbrown@nchv.org).

The Annual NCHV Awards are presented at the NCHV Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 29. The Banquet is included in the price of a full Conference registration.



# Registration Form

Complete one form per person



## NATIONAL COALITION *for* HOMELESS VETERANS

### 2014 Annual Conference & Membership Meeting

Please type or print all sections of the conference registration form and mail or fax to:  
NCHV, 333 1/2 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20003; Fax: 202-546-2063 (toll-free 888-233-8582)

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

FIRST AND LAST NAME (AS IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE)

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE FAX

EMAIL

Are you a NCHV Member?  Yes  No

Would you like to become a member today?  Yes  No

#### REGISTRATION FEES

MAY 28 - 30, 2014

CONFERENCE FEE  Member.....\$395  
 Non-Member.....\$475

ONE-DAY ONLY  Member.....\$220  
 Non-Member.....\$250

CHECK ONE:  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

**Registration forms received after May 9 will be charged a \$35 late fee.**

Do you have a disability that requires special accommodations?  
 Yes  No

If yes, please specify necessary accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAYMENT

**REFUND POLICY:** A full refund will be made for cancellations if received by April 7, 2014. A 50% refund will be made for cancellations received between April 8 - April 30, 2014. No refunds will be made after April 30, 2014.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ONE-DAY ONLY FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### NCHV Awards Banquet

Full conference registration includes the NCHV Awards Banquet dinner on Thursday, May 29. Please check the meal option you would like if you plan on attending.

Select one:  Beef  
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## Capitol Hill Visits



Each year at the NCHV Annual Conference, attendees visit their representatives in Congress to advocate on behalf of homeless veterans. It is your responsibility to set up these meetings in advance. The Public Policy Forum on Wednesday, May 28, from 1:30 - 4:15 p.m. will provide information on current legislation and issues for you to discuss while meeting with your representatives.

Personal visits garner more attention from busy congressional representatives and their staffs, who are already receiving and managing a heavy flow of other requests and information. This time is a great opportunity to bring your concerns before your representatives because many other attendees will be doing the same, creating an organized wave of concerned constituents from across the country.

If you plan to schedule a meeting with your representatives in Congress, be sure to submit your meeting request with plenty of advance notice, as members of Congress are extremely busy. For an in-depth guide on how to set up a meeting, visit [http://nchv.org/index.php/about/about/annual\\_conference/](http://nchv.org/index.php/about/about/annual_conference/) and click on the link under "Capitol Hill visits."

It is important to raise awareness of the problems veterans face in your community, as well as the problems you face as a service provider, to educate the legislators who can vote for bills that will increase the effectiveness and scope of homeless veteran programs. Please consider scheduling visits on the Hill to ensure your voice is heard.