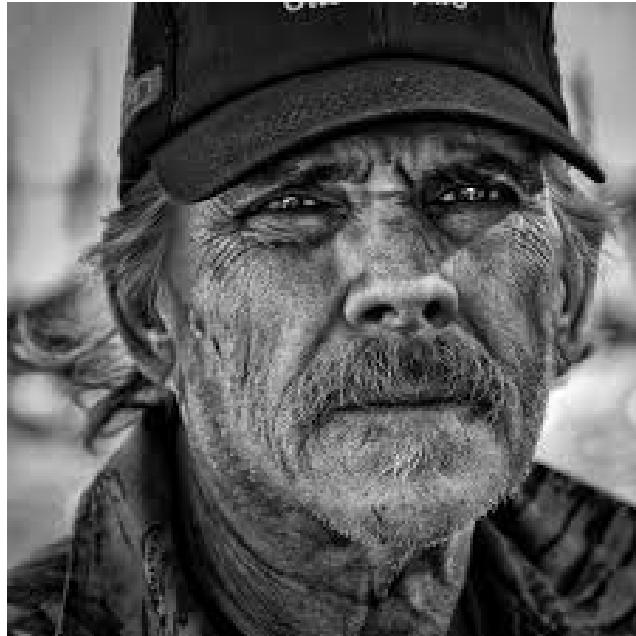


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Military Outreach USA is a 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization working in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide support to our veterans who are exiting homelessness.

For whatever reasons, these men and women who served our nation fell into circumstances that caused them to become homeless. Now they are moving out of that homeless status.

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence they do not have the basic household items we often take for granted.

Through the *Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program* Military Outreach USA and you can provide the basic *Move-in-Essentials* and when possible, bedding, to those men and women who are leaving shelters and transitional housing.

All collected or donated items are delivered to a VA facility where they are then distributed to qualified veterans.

Military Outreach USA is asking that you assist us in helping these men and women who have served our nation. Please review the following pages and determine if you can help either by conducting a collection drive for *Move-in-Essentials* or by making a contribution to purchase *Beds for Vets*.

Through your support we can help those men and women who have served us.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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For many the war goes on

# Veterans Exiting Homelessness

## How You Can Help

### The Problem

When a veteran or their family leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves into an affordable living residence many times they have only the clothes on their backs and a few personal items.

### The Solution

The solution to helping a veteran as they transition exists within every member of the Military Caring Network.

Within each Military Caring House of Worship or Organization there are men, women, and children willing to step up to help those who have served us.

### The Program

The **Veteran Exiting Homelessness Program**, a collaborative effort between Military Outreach USA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, seeks to provide Move-In-Essentials to the veteran as they transition to permanent housing.

A list of recommended *Move-In-Essentials* is provided so that there is uniformity in collections across the region.

### What to do:

Collecting *Move-In-Essentials* is very similar to a food or clothing drive. These are some recommended steps. But there is no hard and fast rule concerning how or who monitors the collection process.

Step 1. Identify someone in your House of Worship or Organization who will be the “go to person” that will keep Military Outreach USA or the local VA contact person informed of donations being collected.

Step 2. If storage is a concern, contact your local municipality, VFW or American Legion Post to see if they have some space you can use until donated items are picked up. Check with a local realtor to see if they know of unused warehouse space that can be used on a temporary basis.

Step 3. Get your youth groups involved. Reach out to area schools, both public and parochial. Many schools encourage community service projects. Make sure to contact your local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to help in this community activity.

Step 4. Contact local businesses to provide you with donations or discounts on products listed on the *Move-In-Essential* form.

Step 5. Contact a local veterans organization like the American Legion or VFW to help with collection or delivery.

Step 6. Contact your local media. Nothing generates more interest in a community than a project that will serve veterans.

Step 7. Plan a celebration event for all donors and workers. Appreciation will go a long way for getting help in future drives.

Step 8. Make this program an ongoing part of your community outreach.

## Veterans Exiting Homelessness: Move-in-Essentials

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence they often do not have the basic items needed to set up their new home. Aside from a need for bedding and furniture they need the basic items we often take for granted. Military Outreach USA or one of its partners will pick up the items below that your organization collects and then take them to a VA facility to be distributed to a veteran in need.

<u>Personal Hygiene</u>	<u>Kitchen and Cleaning</u>	<u>Bathroom</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Bath Soap	Kitchen Trash Can (Plastic)	Shower Curtain	Smoke Detector Battery
Shampoo	Windex	Toilet Paper (4 or 6 pack)	Flashlight w/Batteries
Conditioner	Pine Sol	Plunger	Wall Calendar
Razor	Dishwashing Liquid	Toilet Brush	Appointment Book
Shaving Cream	Dishcloth	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Garbage Bags
Deodorant	Sponge	Bath Towels (2)	Laundry Basket
Combs	Mop	Wash Cloth	Hamper
Hair Brush	Bucket		Laundry Detergent
Nail Clipper	Broom		Aluminum Foil
Toothpaste	Dustpan		
Toothbrush	Paper Towels		



These Move-In-Essentials provide a Veteran Exiting Homelessness with the basics needed as they transition to their new, permanent residence.

These item are needed on a continuing basis.

If you prefer to make a tax deductible donation to help in this program please send your check to:

Military Outreach USA  
3020 Milwaukee Avenue  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
[www.militaryoutreachusa.org](http://www.militaryoutreachusa.org)

Note in Memo section of your check: **VEHP**

## Veterans Exiting Homelessness: Beds for Vets

Aside from basic move in items a veteran exiting homelessness needs a bed on which to sleep. For many veterans their initial option is to sleep on the floor or on an inflatable mattress. Military Outreach USA, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs and as part of the *Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program* has developed: **Beds for Vets**



Wouldn't this look better



in here?

### You can help.

Through your generous donation, Military Outreach USA will be able to purchase and deliver to a VA facility:

- 1-Full size mattress
- 1-Full size box spring
- 1-metal bed frame
- 2-Pillows
- 2-Pillow cases
- 2-Sheets

A VA case worker will then make arrangements for delivery to a qualified veteran in need.

It could not be simpler than that! The only question remaining:

### How many veterans will you help?

Please send your tax deductible donation (Memo: *Beds for Vets*) to:

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You may also make your donation online by going to: <http://www.militaryoutreachusa.org/beds-for-vets/>

Thank you for your continuing support of those who have served us.

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