



## **Veterans Services: Information Sheet**

### **Current Situation**

- 1 in 5 homeless individuals in the US is a veteran
- California has the largest veteran population in the US
- Female veterans are 2 to 3 times more likely to be homeless than male veterans
- Minority veterans are at a higher risk for homelessness, compared to non-minorities
- Young veterans (ages 18 to 30) are twice as likely as the general population to be homeless
- Inability to find and maintain sufficiency-level employment is a leading cause of homelessness, especially among younger veterans.

### **Here for Our Heroes...**

Volunteers of America provides assistance with housing, employment and more to homeless and “on the verge” veteran men, women and families in Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer counties. Since its inception, VOA Veteran Services has given 509 veterans the tools to build brighter futures.

### **Program Goals:**

We aim to give homeless veterans and their families the tools to overcome their barriers to housing and employment, attain and maintain stable housing, find and keep sufficiency-level employment, and gain access to resources that will help them live positive, independent lives.

### **Testimonials:**

“I felt as if I was no longer forgotten after my case manager, Maurice, gave me guidance that ultimately led to stable housing. It was a second chance that I could not have gotten anywhere else. I am forever grateful for this opportunity.”

“The employment services are a great asset to veterans. Through this program I have received credit counseling, job interviews and have learned basic reintegration skills. I feel blessed to have such a place to help me stay on the right path.”

“Thank you so much for allowing my daughter and I to have a home. It feels very good to not have to worry about having a place to raise my child. Words cannot express my gratitude.”