



American GI Forum: National Veterans Outreach Program

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The National Veterans Outreach Program has 80 transitional beds in 5 bays and 30 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) apartments for permanent housing of homeless veterans. They are developing a new wing consisting of 30 single room occupancy (SRO) using \$2.3 million in private funding. They are seen as a premier center with comprehensive services to help veterans.

About half the veterans are Vietnam veterans. They are just starting to see Desert Storm and Desert Shield veterans in their homeless program. They are also working on preventive measures for Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans. Many are also seeing these veterans bringing their spouses for help.

Housing for homeless veterans with families may be a growing need. They suggest such housing should also have support services and could be extended to at-risk homeless veterans as well.