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NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Tips on How to Engage Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

The Allison Bond, Deputy Director, Health Care for Homeless Veterans, and Shara Katsos, national education coordinator, National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans, offer five tips for approaching veterans experiencing homelessness to provide them hope or available resources:

- Help them call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
- Show humanity and kindness
- Offer a connection to resources
- Leave judgments and misconceptions about homelessness aside
- Consider volunteering to help them

[Tips to Engage Veterans Experiencing Homelessness](#)

EVENTS



It's now easier to fit the National Veterans' Training Institute's (NVTI) 9610: Career Coaching for Special Populations Course Series into your busy schedule!

In addition to adding a new special population – [Serving Veterans with Substance Use Disorders \(SUDs\)](#) – to the 9610 course series, the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) has completely reorganized the way this series is offered. A 3-hour, self-paced online [foundational prerequisite](#) was created so the specific special populations courses could be adjusted to targeted, one-day classes, making it easier to fit these courses into your busy schedule. [Learn more about these changes](#), and then check the [NVTI Class Schedule](#) page to find the next available course offering!

RESOURCES



Black Veterans Project

[Black Veterans Project](#) furthers research and storytelling to advance racial equity in and out of uniform by conducting data-driven research and digital scholarship to further

public education on inequities facing Black veterans across generations of service and collaborating with writers, journalists, visual storytellers, and artists to capture and amplify the experiences of Black veterans in and out of uniform.



Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) Educational Videos on Military and Veterans for Kindergarten-12 Students

MVAA released educational videos specifically geared toward [kindergarten to grade 6 students](#) and [grade 6 to grade 12 students](#) that offer engaging grade-specific activities, such as a sing-along for younger students and a research activity for older students where they have to look up famous veterans.



National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE)

NCTE offers numerous resources for transgender veterans including information about medical care and updating military records.

[NCTE Resources](#)

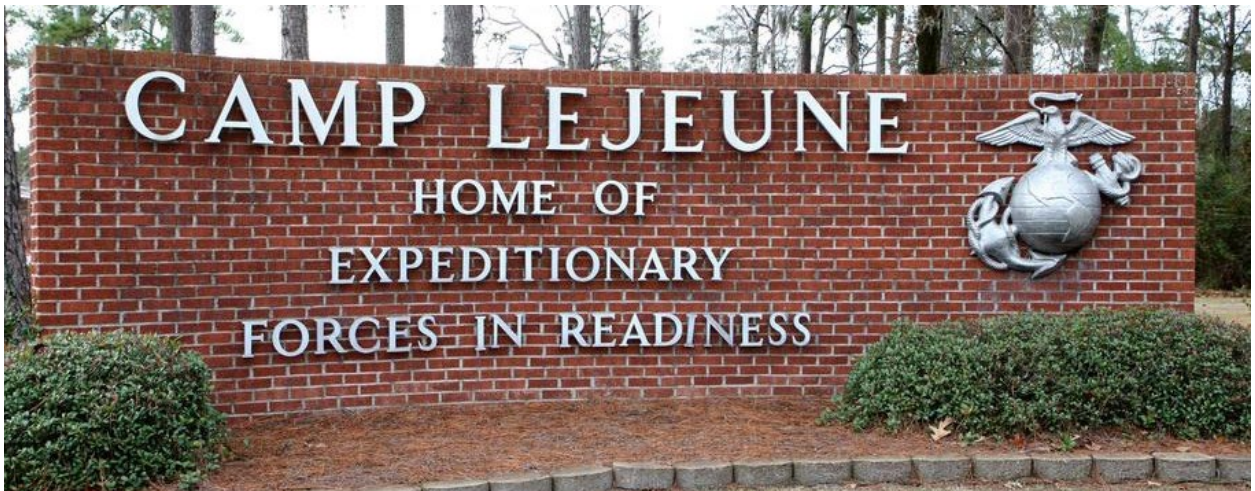


SITREP NYC Podcast

SITREP NYC is the official New York City Department of Veterans' Services podcast, which provides stories of New York City veterans, military families, and community supporter covering topics such as transitioning back to civilian life, life after a combat injury, and military sexual trauma.

[SITREP NYC Podcast Episodes](#)

NEWS UPDATES



Fake Claims Threaten Camp Lejeune Toxic Water Payouts to Veterans

A [wave of fraudulent claims](#) may threaten to disrupt government plans to pay billions to victims of toxic water at Camp Lejeune. Numerous firms have discovered hundreds of suspicious claims, including doctored medical records, fictional reports of diseases or

sicknesses, and incorrect home addresses. These fake claims could slow down the filings and payout to victims, as the government is already struggling to handle thousands of claims.



Food-Insecure Veterans Are Less Likely to Seek Help Than Civilians

A [recent article in the War Horse](#) sheds light on the fact that veterans who are food insecure are less likely to look for help when compared to civilians. Possible reasons for these disparities include pride and challenges enrolling in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Increase Surgery Access for Gulf Coast Veterans

The VA and DOD have partnered to [increase access to surgical care](#) for approximately 37,000 Gulf Coast-area veterans. Veterans in the Gulf Coast region have already begun receiving ambulatory surgical care from VA clinicians at the new VA clinic in Naval Hospital Pensacola. The VA plans to expand surgery access for veterans at the DoD facility, adding services that include orthopedics; ear, nose, and throat; podiatry; ophthalmology; and urology.



Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) Project Adds 5 Million Veterans

In preparation for Veterans Day, federal officials added roughly [5 million veterans buried at private cemeteries to the VLM project](#), the nation's first digital platform dedicated to the memory of nearly 10 million veterans. The initiative nearly doubled the number of individuals honored with online memorial pages.

"This is our most ambitious expansion of the project since its creation, and brings the online platform to private cemeteries large and small across the country, wherever those heroes have been laid to rest," said Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Matt Quinn. "Now these family members and their fellow veterans can access the personal pages of their loved ones and upload photographs and other mementos to help preserve their legacies."



Vietnam Veteran Composed Opera to Honor Black Veterans of World War I

J. Kimo Williams, a retired U.S. Army officer who served in Vietnam in 1970 composed an opera honoring World War I Black veterans who fought an entirely new war when they came back from overseas titled "Red Summer 1919: An Instrumental Opera"

[More About the Opera](#)

SUCCESS STORY



Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grantee who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you.

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