

Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



MARCH SPOTLIGHTS



**National Veterans'
Training Institute**
a DOL VETS Program



Empower Veterans to Access the Benefits They Earned

If you're looking to strengthen your impact and better serve veterans experiencing homelessness, the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI) course, 9630: Veterans Benefits Online, is a must. This flexible four-week course allows you to complete coursework at your convenience as you are guided through the essentials of VA, state, and local benefits using reading assignments, quizzes, and interactive discussion boards—all accessible from home or the office. You'll tackle real-world scenarios to sharpen your skills and finish with the knowledge (and network) to connect veteran clients to the services they need. The next cohort begins on April 29, 2025. Enroll now!

For more information visit:

**NVTI Class
Descriptions**

**Course Delivery
Methods**

**Registering for NVTI
Classes**

Also, NVTI has released the full class schedule through September 2025. Visit [NVTI Class Schedule](#) to view all the course offerings!



Community of Practice

National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join our NVTAC team on **Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. ET** for March's CoP session. This session will provide an overview of understanding and establishing relationships with post-secondary institutions to spread awareness of HVRP, educate military-connected students about HVRP services, and engage with campus resources which can act as force multipliers in reaching more eligible veterans. An opportunity for questions will be provided at the end of the presentation.

[Register Here](#)

RESOURCES



HIRE Vets Medallion Program

The U.S. Department of Labor's HIRE Vets Medallion Award is the only federal-level veterans' employment award that recognizes a company or organization's commitment to veteran hiring, retention, and professional

development. The Department of Labor began accepting applications for the 2025 HIRE Vets Medallion Award on January 31, 2025. [View the 2025 timeline here.](#)

Review Criteria for 2025 Award Cycle



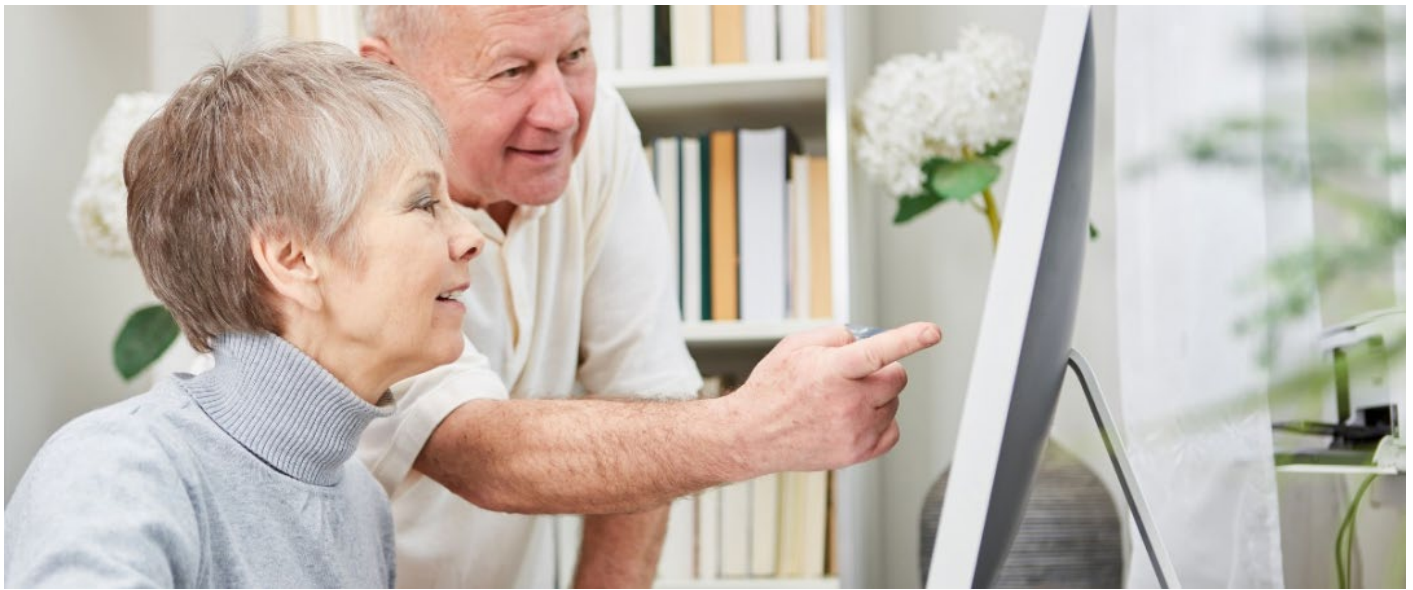
Expansion of Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) for Living Veterans

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) has expanded its [Veterans Legacy Memorial](#) website allowing living veterans to share their own stories. Eligible veterans can securely upload images, autobiographies, and military achievements, which will be published after their death.

Launched in 2019, the VLM website honors nearly 10 million veterans buried in national cemeteries and other designated sites. The VA plans to expand the database further. Veterans can check eligibility and [apply online](#).

For more information about VA burial benefits, veterans can go to a [national cemetery](#), the [VA's burial benefits page](#), or call 800-827-1000.

National Cemetery Administration



Job Training for Seniors

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration's [Senior Community Service Employment Program](#) (SCSEP) provides low-income, unemployed adults 55 and over with paid, work-based job training at non-profits and public agencies like schools, hospitals, and senior centers. Participants gain valuable experience while contributing over 40 million hours of community service annually. SCSEP serves as a pathway to unsubsidized employment offering priority enrollment to veterans. To learn more or find a program near you, visit [CareerOneStop's](#) Older Worker Program Finder or call 1-877-US2-JOBS.

NEWS UPDATES



The Resilience Inherent in Veterans

In a remarkable testament to the indomitable spirit of our nation's heroes, [Army Veteran, Terrill Giere, recently triumphed over life-threatening health challenges](#). After enduring heart failure and a stroke, this courageous individual received a life-saving heart transplant at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. This Veteran's journey exemplifies the unwavering fighting spirit ingrained in our service members. Despite facing daunting medical adversities, Giere's steadfast resolve and optimism never wavered. Such stories of perseverance remind us of the extraordinary strength required to overcome profound hardships and underscores the commitment and expertise of VA medical professionals dedicated to serving those who have served our country. To learn more about VA Benefits and Healthcare, look on www.va.gov.

EVENTS



Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, the Department of Labor (DOL), other government agencies and communitybased homeless service providers.

This noncompetitive grant is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to support one day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively.

Eligible entities include:

- state workforce agencies,
- state and local workforce investment boards,
- veterans service organizations, and
- local public agencies and nonprofit organizations including community and faithbased organizations.

Applicant	City	County	State	Project Congressional District	Funding Amount	Event Date(s)
One Community Now	Tampa	Hillsborough	FL	12	\$10,000	4/24-4/25/2025

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 at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at NVTAC

The NVTAC outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with HVRP. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about HVRP, you can refer them to NVTAC Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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