

Final Salute

(ALA Dept. of VA President's Project)

The mission of Final Salute Inc. is to provide homeless women Veterans with safe and suitable housing.

It is estimated that there are currently 55,000 homeless women Veterans in the United States on any given day. For the sacrifices they and their families have made, this is an unacceptable state for any of them to be in. Final Salute Inc. believes in paying women Veterans with the proper respects due to them for the service they have provided to our country. Final Salute also works with the Veteran in establishing her plan towards independence.

Factors contributing to homelessness

- **Unemployment**
- Ineligibility for or lack of Veteran's benefits
- Legal Trouble
- Military Sexual Trauma
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Disabilities
- Divorce/Separation
- Domestic Violence
- Lack of family or social support network
- Substance Abuse

Your donations are tax-deductible under IRS code 501(c)3. [501c3.pdf](#)

Final Salute Inc. understands the capacity in which donors can assist will vary, but we feel every American can help in some capacity. Final Salute Inc. is appreciative of every donation it receives, because every donation, whether small or grand, will go towards assisting homeless women Veterans in need. There is strength in numbers, and we plan to march forward with the American people behind us.

"Because She Served Too . . ."

I ask that YOU – individuals, units and/or districts have a special fundraiser dedicated towards this worthy cause. Please make your checks payable to:

ALA Dept. of VA Treasurer/Secretary
1708 Commonwealth Avenue
Richmond, VA 23230

Memo: Final Salute

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WOMEN VETERANS

THE INVISIBLE HOMELESS



UNEMPLOYMENT IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO HOMELESSNESS:

47,000

veterans reported homeless



4,338

women veterans reported homeless



495,000

veterans reported unemployed



23,000

women veterans reported unemployed



70% of homeless women veterans are single mothers

Women veterans are **2 to 3 times more likely** to be homeless than any other group in the US adult population



Are we to assume that 18,662 women veterans, most with children, are able to maintain housing and care for their children without employment?

The VA misses women veterans through their Homelessness Screening Clinical Reminder (HSCR), a universal screener that assesses housing instability and risk among Veterans who present for outpatient care and are not already engaged with VA Homeless Programs:

22 MILLION VETERANS TOTAL
2.2 MILLION OF THEM ARE WOMEN VETERANS



VA screening was only able to screen 3 million veterans, of which most were **white males aged 51-60**



It is estimated that **82%** of women veterans **do not use the VA** for healthcare

This screening method leaves **1,800,000 women veterans unscreened and uncounted**