

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

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It is estimated that 1-in-3 of all homeless people in California is a veteran. There are many things that an individual Post or District can do to help alleviate this problem. Set up a Post fund or use the Relief Fund to buy a meal, a tank of gas, a bus ticket, or a room for the night if necessary. Provide support to a local charity that helps the homeless by making donations of food, clothing, or shelter.

Appoint a Homeless Veterans Chairman. It could be the service officer, but your appointment should know the community referral services that are available for the homeless veteran. These services include, but are not limited to, E.D.D. for job and benefit services, community shelters, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.

Find out where a stand down is being held in your area and support it either financially, with clothing drives, other things that are needed, or better yet, volunteer from your Post.

State Homeless Veterans resources can be found on the California Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://www.cdva.ca.gov/homeless/default.asp>

HOW TO REPORT

All activities should be reported on-line via the Department website under **Veteran Service** at <http://www.vfwca.org/membertools/programform12rpt.html> or by submitting a report (Form-12) to the Department Chairman.

Important! – To qualify for awards a Post must send a copy of the Program Reporting (Form 12) to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the State Convention as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall (Post & District) will be awarded a plaque, based on Chairman Recommendation.