

Do you really know Where They are?

This generation of veterans challenges the traditional image of the single, male veteran that came to characterize homeless veterans following the Vietnam War. Many more of the homeless veterans today have families or are women veterans. Others are younger veterans who may just need temporary support. The VA must continue partnerships to align effective, dynamic services to these demographic shifts. To counter that, the Department of Veterans Affairs set a

bold goal and plans to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. Measured headway has been made, in large part due to private, local and nonprofit support, led by Community Solutions and the 100,000 Homes initiative. While the number of homeless veterans has declined every year since 2010, success in reaching that 2015 goal set by VA is unlikely.