



Applicants must be veterans who have been released from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions, and if they are:

- Homeless Veteran

Veterans interested in job training or placement or any other services offered by NVOP must provide the following documentation:

- DD-214
- Proof of Citizenship
- Social Security Card
- State/Federal Photo ID

Statewide Offices

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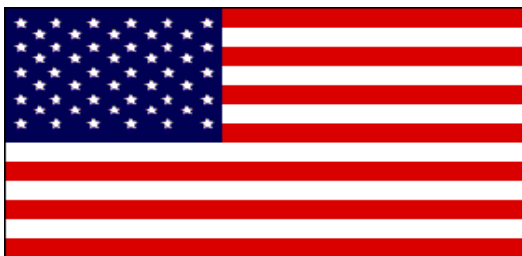
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**AMERICAN GI FORUM  
NATIONAL VETERANS  
OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC.**



**“PROUDLY SERVING  
THOSE WHO SO PROUDLY  
SERVED OUR NATION”**



Launched in San Antonio, Texas in 1972, the American GI Forum-National Veterans Outreach Program (NVOP) first sought to reach out to disenfranchised veterans of the Vietnam War by engaging other Vietnam-era veterans to communicate the availability of local resources and services for ex-military personnel. The initiative struggled with various hurdles early on, the most significant of which was funding, but eventually gained critical support from other veteran service organizations as well as influential community and civic leaders. Thirty-six years of dedicated service and 350,000 participants later the NVOP remains committed to the needs of underserved veteran populations.

At the core of this initiative is the Veterans Service Center (VSC), which functions not only as the administrative headquarters for the NVOP but also as the command center for the majority of its intervention and support services. The VSC is centrally located in downtown San Antonio making it geographically-friendly for most participants, including a large portion of the area's homeless population. Some of the resources available at the VSC include resume assistance, basic skills upgrading, job training and placement, counseling and case management, transitional housing assistance, food and clothing assistance.

#### MISSION

To establish and maintain a comprehensive community service agency with a diversified funding source that will serve the needs of veterans, their family, and other needy individuals of the community.

The NVOP's Residential Center for Veterans offers a variety of services including clinical counseling, job counseling, health care support, and a large array of ancillary services. In addition, the following services are available:

- Transitional Housing (Referral)
- Permanent Housing (Referral)
- Job Training and Placement
- Basic Skills Upgrade
- Counseling
- Referral Services
- Meal Services
- Social Integration Programs
- Clothing
- Case Management

#### Additional Resources & Eligibility

##### **Texas Veterans Outreach Program (Statewide)**

- OEF/OIF
- Service connected disability
- Homeless veteran
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse Issue
- Ex Offender

##### **Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (San Antonio only)**

- Homeless veteran

##### **Veterans Integration Program (San Antonio only)**

- Homeless veteran or non-veteran

According to the Veterans Administration, nearly 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night and nearly 400,000 veterans experience homelessness over the course of a year. Conservative estimates indicate that one out of every three homeless men sleeping in a doorway, alley, or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country.

In addition to the complex set of factors affecting all homelessness—extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income, and access to health care—a large portion of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks. A top priority is safe, secure, clean housing that offers a supportive environment which is free of drugs and alcohol.

The VA reaches 25% of those in need, leaving roughly 300,000 veterans who must seek assistance from local government agencies and service organizations in their communities. Veterans need a coordinated effort that provides secure housing and nutritional meals; essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare and mental health counseling, and personal development and empowerment. Veterans also need job assessment, job training and placement assistance. The resources available from NVOP are specifically tailored to address these critical needs.