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From Service to Shelter:
Housing Veterans in Rural America

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*Building Rural Communities*

- Established in 1971
- National nonprofit organization
- Created to increase the availability of decent and affordable housing for low-income people in rural areas throughout the U.S.
- Provide services to local, state, and national organizations
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Nonprofit Board Membership: From Basics to Beyond
Date: July 16, 2014
http://ruralhome.adobeconnect.com/e4tqikl3etl/event/event_info.html

Canal Street Housing: Housing Homeless Veterans
Date: July 23, 2014
http://ruralhome.adobeconnect.com/e29kox823wn/event/event_info.html

Nonprofit Strategic Planning
Date: July 30, 2014
http://ruralhome.adobeconnect.com/e5ar1plgk8s/event/event_info.html

Acquisition Rehabilitation for Rural Nonprofit Housing Development – New Orleans, LA
Date: August 12-14, 2014
https://www.regonline.com/AquisiitionRehab2014

Sharpening Your Skills: Financial Management for Nonprofits – New Orleans, LA
Date: August 12-13, 2014

Register online @ http://www.ruralhome.org/hac-services/training
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Poll for Discussion

What will be the biggest challenge for housing veterans in rural America in the coming years?

1) The changing demographics of rural veterans
2) Meeting the needs of returning veterans as conflicts overseas end
3) Ensuring veterans receive supports they need in rural areas where delivery may be more complicated
4) Lack of economic opportunities for veterans in rural areas
5) Addressing rural veteran homelessness
Veterans in Rural America

Veterans by Location, 2010

- Nation: 9.6%
- Rural & Small Town: 11.4%
- Suburban & Exurban: 10.4%
- Urban: 7.2%
Veterans in Rural America

U.S. Veteran Population by County, 2011

Legend
Percent Veterans
- 0.0 - 4.4
- 4.5 - 10.9
- 11.0 - 13.0
- 13.1 - 15.4
- 15.5 - 27.8

Source: HAC Tabulations of 2007-2011 American Community Survey
Veterans in Rural America

Rural Veterans by Period of Service, 2010
Veterans in Rural America

Rural Veterans by Age Group, 2010

- 18-34 (6%)
- 35-54 (24%)
- 55-74 (48%)
- 75+ (22%)
Veterans in Rural America

Minority Veterans, Age 20-34, 2010

Minority Veterans, Age 65+, 2010
Veterans in Rural America

Veterans by Gender and Age, 2010
Veterans in Rural America

Unemployed Veterans by Age and Location, 2010
Veterans in Rural America

Unemployment Rates for Young Veterans in Rural America
Veterans in Rural America

Rural Veteran Poverty, 2010
Veterans in Rural America

Veterans Outside of Metropolitan Areas

Veterans and Housing Affordability, 2010
What state has the highest number of rural and small town veterans?
Answer

5) Ohio (214,609)
4) Pennsylvania (223,544)
3) California (233,947)
2) North Carolina (247,757)
1) Texas (338,016)
State Trivia

What state has the highest percent of rural and small town veterans?
5) Delaware (13.9%)
4) Florida (14.01%)
3) Arizona (14.4%)
2) Oregon (14.8%)
1) Nevada (15.6%)
Veterans in Rural America

U.S. Veteran Population by County, 2011

Legend
Percent Veterans
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- 8.5 - 10.9
- 11.0 - 13.0
- 13.1 - 15.4
- 15.5 - 27.8

Source: HAC Tabulations of 2007-2011 American Community Survey
Veteran Housing Issues in Rural America
Rural Veteran Homelessness

- Veterans typically make up a greater percentage of the homeless population in rural America.
The HUD-VASH Program in Rural America

- Credited in lowering the homeless veteran population by 17.2 percent since 2009
- Barriers exist in rural America
  - Distances to VA facilities and other service providers
  - Only 3 percent of HUD-VASH vouchers are allocated to VA Medical Centers in rural America
  - Restrictions on tribal lands

Photo by Carlos Gonzalez

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Challenges for Serving Rural Homeless

- Less likely to experience “literal homelessness”
- Fewer shelters and homeless service providers
- Substandard housing
Beyond HUD-VASH

- VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
Veteran Seniors in Rural America

- In the next ten years, 70 percent of veterans in rural America will be over the age of 65.
Housing Accessibility for Veterans

- Critical for senior veterans and veterans with service-related disabilities
- Home modifications help veterans remain in their homes
- Federal grants to assist with modifications
Home Modification Loans and Grants

- VA Special Home Adaptation Grants (SHA)
- VA Specially Adaptive Housing Grants (SAH)
- Temporary Residence Assistance
- VA Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)
- USDA Section 504: Very Low-Income Repairs Loans and Grants
Other Programs and Resources

- For a directory of VA facilities near you:
  - [http://www.va.gov/directory/guide](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide)
- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
  - 1-877-4AID-VET
- Department of Labor
  - VETS (Veterans Employment and Training Services)
- Department of Transportation
  - Veterans Transportation Service
  - Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative
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Discuss – How have your initial rankings changed? Or why did they stay the same?
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