

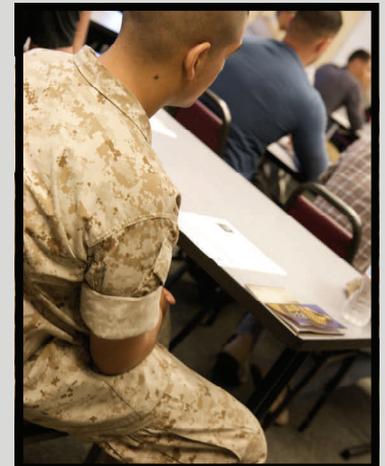


Fact Sheet

What: The streets of California are already home to over one quarter of our nation's homeless Veterans and Florida coming in a distant second at 9%. This past decade has seen a flood of disabled Veterans added to the normal rotation of discharged service members and now, as hostile activities draw down, the reduction of forces directive adds to a perfect storm. An increased number of Veterans hitting the streets will number in the hundred thousands, most coming from Army and Marine Infantry units. These are the men and women who shared the majority of risk in harms way but, unfortunately, have the least amount of seemingly civilian translatable skills. This is going to put intense pres-

sure on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure their programs and facilities have the capacity to handle the Veterans with their transition to civilian life. Many more of these Veterans will become homeless without proper intervention.

Working Wardrobes, in conjunction with corporations, community based organizations, political partners and a cadre of volunteers is developing the program enhancements to it's current career success services that will provide a safety net for returning Veterans. Our work will focus on ensuring we have the appropriate transitional training and action plans for each individual we are honored to serve.



Vet Net will operate on several levels:

- 1. Veteran services:** The training services needed for Veterans, available through the Working Wardrobes Career Success Network, includes access to our job placement services. Our focus is on the transitioning Veteran or those at risk of becoming homeless, as well as the reintegrating or recovering Veteran.
- 2. Corporate Education:** We will share the best practices available for Veteran recruiting, hiring and retention. Our goal is to provide the HR executive with a working knowledge of the Veteran Talent Pool. Aside from advanced life skills, they bring; leadership, loyalty, mission dedication, organizational skills and a work ethic that typically far exceed their civilian peers.



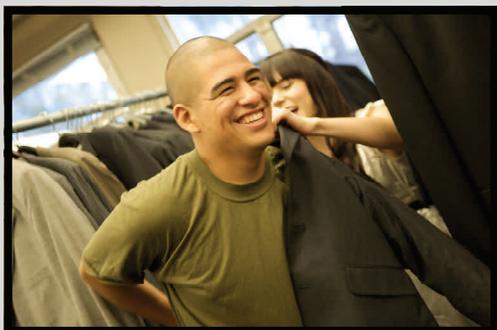


Vet Net

A Safety Net for Vets

Fact Sheet (continued)

Why: The men and women who serve in our military have literally written a blank check to this country, payable with their lives. We have to develop programs that provide for a better transition to the Civilian workforce and ensure what they have been fighting for now serves them well.



Even though our economy continues to sputter, there are jobs available and we must do our utmost to educate and train our Veterans to find jobs and be successful while encouraging potential employers to offer them opportunities.

Where: The services for our Veterans will be available in the Costa Mesa Career Success Network. Staff and dedicated volunteers will be trained with program enhancements to work effectively with the Veteran population. Additional job training models will become available as partners come on line.



When:

We anticipate our service package to be ready for launch in late 2012.

How: Donor support: A membership organization to provide information and education to individual and corporate donors. The exciting events that are planned will feature military leaders as speakers, and opportunities to meet Veterans, including those wounded while serving their country.



Get Involved! There are many ways to make a commitment to our Veterans:

- *Become a member of Vet Net Advisory Council and attend the exciting, informational meetings. Information is available at workingwardrobes.org/vetnet*
- *Let us know of job openings in your company*
- *Volunteer your time and help transition our Veterans*
- *Share resources that you and your company may have, i.e., senior staff with a military background, in-kind resources to help our Veterans (briefcases, writing tablets, lap tops, video taping equipment, toiletries, excellent quality men's and women's professional clothing*