



*"Serving those who have served for us!"*

**1 in 5 homeless individuals in America are Veterans.**



You fought for our Freedom  
You fought for our Liberty  
You fought for our Families  
You fought for our Country  
And you fought for Each Other

You gave some, some gave All--  
the last measure of devotion--  
and you who remain with us  
deserve only the Respect and  
Appreciation of our Nation.

If you have no home -- you have  
no stability.



**Thousands of Veterans in America are homeless.**

## **A National Tragedy**

Each night in the United States, approximately 107,000 veterans sleep on the streets because they have no place to call "home". They are this nation's forgotten heroes – the men and women who once proudly served in a military uniform. Only eight percent of the U.S. population have served in the armed forces, yet almost one-fifth of the homeless population are veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that about 214,000 veterans will experience homelessness at some point this year. Almost five percent of this population are homeless women veterans, and this proportion will likely increase as currently 15 percent of all U.S. troops are women.

There are many factors that contribute to the disproportionately large percentage of veterans who suffer from homelessness. Most of these veterans struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse issues or other psychosocial problems. These factors are often related to their military service or difficulty transitioning to civilian life.

Most homeless veterans require – as much as affordable housing – physical and mental health care, employment training and placement assistance, and other supportive services. According to the Department's own estimates, VA programs will reach slightly more than 40 percent of the homeless veterans who need assistance.

Source for 'A National Tragedy': National Coalition for Homeless Veterans [ [www.NCHV.org](http://www.NCHV.org) ]

### **The Homes4Vets Foundation**

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### The Homes4Vets Housing Initiative

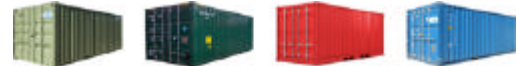
In a Report from the California Department of Housing & Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development, The State of Housing in California 2012, it states: "Affordability Worsens, Supply Problems Remain "

H4VF in cooperation with Container Building Systems intends on building and proofing a series of housing projects specifically planned for serving the needs of our homeless veterans and those of their immediate families. These projects will include single-family and multi-family developments. These projects will utilize used shipping containers as construction costs which are typically 40% lower than with conventional site construction. Operational costs, in terms of energy usage, will also be significantly lower as the latest solar power systems technologies will be utilized.

When 250,000 homes were destroyed during Hurricane Katrina, FEMA provided trailer homes. Nine years later a lot of those people are still living in them. That was a national disaster. The homeless situation--especially for our Veterans--must also be treated as a disaster!

Shipping containers when rehabilitated for human habitation includes flooring, drywall, electrical outlets, windows and doorways. A forty-foot container could house 2 people. Our military have used shipping containers for many years to house our soldiers and conduct operations here and in far-flung regions of the world. Most if not all emergency and disaster housing has been utilizing shipping containers. Many 'off-grid' homes have been built with shipping containers. Countries in Europe have utilized shipping containers for many housing projects and customized home designs for years. But, we here in the USA have not been seriously exploring the potentials of shipping containers serving as human habitat because we have been blessed with abundant resources and land.

### The Benefits of Building with Shipping Containers



- **Eco-Friendly.** Reusing containers lessens the ecological impact of the use of conventional construction materials like brick, cement, and lumber. Building "Green" also helps to lower the carbon footprint--energy which is otherwise needed to melt down metal containers when they are scrapped.
- **Costs Savings.** A house built from used shipping containers cost significantly less than a conventional house with the same usage area and space.
- **Short Construction Time.** Due to their modular nature, these sturdy units can be built in a relatively short amount of time as compared to traditional construction methods.
- Countries with trade deficits, like USA, are now having countless numbers of containers abandoned in ports and container storage yards. This is a major eyesore and burden on many communities.
- Containers must comply with ISO standards--designed to be exposed to heavy loads, harsh climatic conditions, and being able to handle being stacked up to 5 stories high during transit over rough seas. These features outline the structural strength and integrity of ISO containers--making them ideal for multi-level construction and optimal for use in hurricane/earthquake prone areas.



#### Examples of Single-Family Individual Units:



#### Examples of Multi-Family Grouped Units:



#### Examples of Large Multi-Family Apartment Complexes & Mixed-Use Developments:



For more information, visit the Homes4Vets Foundation website: [www.H4VF.org](http://www.H4VF.org)

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