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Did you know about Uniting for Veterans?

Originally established in 2018 as the Uniting to Combat Hunger program, the VFW and our friends at Humana® created Uniting for Veterans to actively address food insecurity across America with an emphasis on the military community. And we're not stopping there as we have now added a veteran homelessness component and will continue to do all we can to improve quality of life for America's heroes and their families. Uniting to Combat Hunger - VFW

Together with <u>Humana®</u>, the VFW's *Uniting for Veterans* program, formerly known as *Uniting to Combat Hunger & Homelessness*, was established to address the diverse and evolving needs of the military and veteran communities. From fighting food insecurity and homelessness, to providing resources to help improve quality of life for all service members and veterans, the Uniting for Veterans program is our united commitment to doing all we can for America's heroes and their families who have sacrificed so much for our country.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), data shows that on a single night in January 2024, 32,882 veterans experienced homelessness in America — a record low in veteran homelessness since measurement began in 2009. The data also show a 7.5% decrease in Veteran homelessness since 2023, an 11.7% decrease since 2020, and a 55.6% decrease since 2010, but all of this comes comes at a time when overall homelessness in America is at an all-time high.

In 2025 alone, Uniting for Veterans raised more than 800,000 meals and 325 nights of housing for homeless veterans. To date, the VFW and Humana® have provided more than 6.4 million meals over the past eight years for food insecure families.

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Our National Ambassador's theme for 2025-2026 "A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"

Our Department Presidents theme is "We rise by lifting others!"