



## MACCH works to end veteran homelessness

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Veteran homelessness is an issue that plagues our Omaha community. Ten percent of the homeless individuals in the metro area are veterans. Although the numbers have decreased in recent years, an estimated [40,000 homeless veterans](#) slept on the streets in the United States every single night in January of 2016. Moreover, it is estimated that at least 140 veterans are homeless on any given night in our local community.



To break this cycle of veteran homelessness, the Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless understands that a focused plan is necessary. No veterans should be living on the streets after they have returned home from serving their country on active duty.

That's why MACCH has made veterans a priority in its core initiative, Opening Doors: MACCH 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. MACCH outlines exactly how it is going to end veteran homelessness by December of 2017 in three fundamental steps:

- End homelessness among all veterans eligible for Veteran Affairs by December of 2016.
- Prioritize all veterans for housing by December of 2017.
- Ensure all veterans are never homeless for longer than 90 days at any given time by December of 2017.

While the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently increased funding for veteran homelessness, there is still an unmet need in our local community, especially for those veterans who do not meet VA medical eligibility. In order to truly end veteran homelessness, more resources must be dedicated to our nation's heroes.

MACCH continues to explore additional opportunities as they strive to achieve end veteran homelessness locally. As a community, we can give veterans the home they deserve. Find out more about Opening Doors: MACCH's 10-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness [here](#).