



League of Veterans: Military Transitional Housing Initiative

A Veteran-led organization committed to building housing, stability, and a future for military service members transitioning into civilian life.

Executive Summary (2025 Update)

The League of Veterans is proud to lead a groundbreaking initiative aimed at transforming how the United States of America supports military service members as they transition from active duty to civilian life. Our Military Transitional Housing Initiative is not merely a housing solution; it is a strategic infrastructure investment in the long-term stability, social reintegration, and economic empowerment of our nation's heroes. The transition from military to civilian life is one of the most vulnerable periods for our service members and the current system is failing them.

Our mission is to establish an unprecedented safety net for military service members transitioning into civilian life, *a safety net that has never been seen before*.

This first-of-its-kind program delivers purpose-built transitional communities that offer a full spectrum of on-site services under one roof including job training, healthcare access, mental health services, educational support, and family reintegration programs. Our holistic approach addresses the gaps in existing veteran care systems, which often require individuals to become homeless before qualifying for assistance.

Despite decades of progress, veteran homelessness remains a persistent and urgent crisis in the U.S.A. These are men and women who once wore the uniform of our nation, yet far too many now face housing instability, mental health challenges, and limited access to coordinated support services. While targeted federal and state programs have driven significant reductions in veteran homelessness since 2010, rising housing costs, fragmented systems of care, and gaps in transitional support continue to put vulnerable veterans at risk. Until every veteran has a safe place to call home, the mission is not complete.

Unlike existing programs, League of Veterans' approach is proactive, not reactive. We intervene *before* a veteran becomes homeless, preventing a crisis rather than responding to it. Our communities are designed to promote dignity, independence, and long-term self-sufficiency.



Legislative Foundation and Strategic Opportunity

The foundation of this initiative stems from Arizona House Bill 2664 (HB2664), passed in 2022, which established the Military Transitional Housing Fund, an unprecedented legislative commitment to veteran-led housing solutions. Developed by John Mendibles, Executive Director of the League of Veterans, and sponsored by Chairman Kevin Payne, this legislation prioritizes organizations like League of Veterans to lead the development and operation of transitional housing communities.

Every investment in prevention translates into real savings and reduces the strain on emergency shelters, hospitals, and the criminal justice system. By integrating transitional housing with wraparound services League of Veterans delivers stronger outcomes while maximizing public resources.

Pilot Launch in Arizona and Path to National Expansion

Arizona, home to one of the highest veteran populations per capita, will serve as the flagship state for the League of Veterans model. Our first transitional community is currently in the planning phase for Phoenix, a high-impact urban setting where need and opportunity intersect.

This launch is more than a local solution; it is the foundation for a scalable, replicable model designed for national adoption. Once proven in Phoenix, the program will be expanded to additional regions across Arizona and other states. Each new location will be adapted to meet local needs while preserving the core framework: veteran-led development, integrated wraparound services and proactive intervention before crisis occurs.

Call to Action

Now is the time to act, before another service member is left behind. The path from military service to civilian stability must be built with intention, urgency, and unity. We call on legislators, federal agencies, private sector leaders, and philanthropic organizations to make this initiative a top priority in their funding decisions, policy agendas, and impact strategies. Join us in creating the infrastructure our veterans were promised and rightfully deserve.

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