



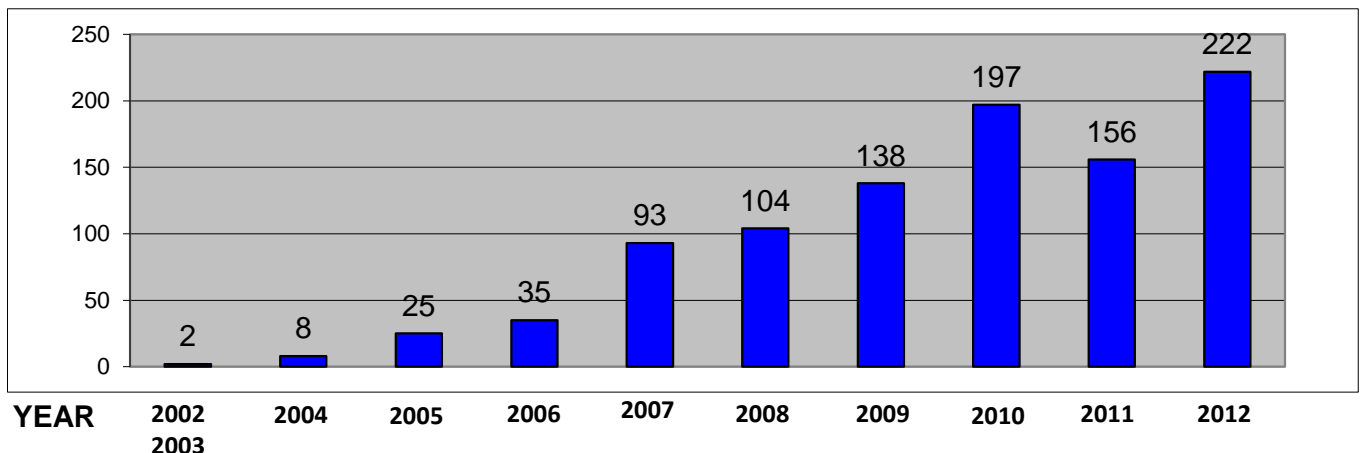
# VIETNAM VETERANS OF CALIFORNIA

## IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS SERVED

January 2002 to December 31, 2012

		All	In Theater	Not In Theater
<b>TOTAL VETS:</b>		<b>971</b>	<b>639</b> (66%)	<b>313</b> (32%)
	Male	<b>847</b> (87%)	<b>584</b> (69%)	<b>246</b> (29%)
	Female	<b>124</b> (13%)	<b>55</b> (44%)	<b>67</b> (54%)
<b>HOMELESS:</b>		<b>605</b> (62%)	<b>411</b> (68%)	<b>184</b> (30%)
<b>DISABLED:</b>		<b>591</b> (61%)	<b>410</b> (69%)	<b>168</b> (28%)
	Total of Disabled with PTSD	<b>196</b> (33%)	<b>172</b> (88%)	<b>24</b> (12%)
	Male	<b>182</b> (93%)	<b>162</b> (89%)	<b>20</b> (11%)
	Female	<b>14</b> (7%)	<b>10</b> (71%)	<b>4</b> (29%)
<b>BRANCH:</b>				
	Army	<b>434</b> (45%)	<b>311</b> (72%)	<b>116</b> (27%)
	Navy	<b>162</b> (17%)	<b>93</b> (57%)	<b>62</b> (38%)
	Marines	<b>201</b> (21%)	<b>147</b> (73%)	<b>51</b> (25%)
	Air Force	<b>106</b> (11%)	<b>61</b> (58%)	<b>43</b> (41%)
	National Guard	<b>44</b> (5%)	<b>24</b> (55%)	<b>20</b> (45%)
	Coast Guard	<b>22</b> (2%)	<b>2</b> (9%)	<b>20</b> (91%)

### ANNUAL OIF/OEF TOTALS





# Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.

VVC formed in 1972 by returning Vietnam Veterans and their supporters; today the agency's demographics reflect veterans from all eras, from WWII to our current military involvement in Iraq/Afghanistan.

Our organization provides comprehensive employment, training, housing, small business, and support services to veterans and their families. Our primary Resource Centers are located in Humboldt, Sonoma, San Mateo, Sacramento, and Shasta Counties. Our newest Center in is located in Reno, Nevada. The agency's demographics reflect veterans from all eras, from WWII tour current military involvement in Iraq/Afghanistan.

## WE SERVED OVER 4,000 VETERANS IN 2012

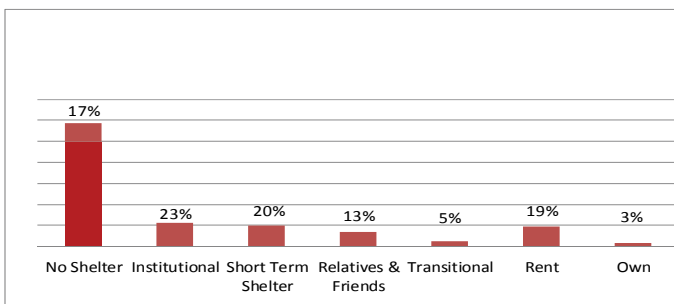
**A majority of the veterans who come to VVC for help have significant barriers to overcome before they are able to seek employment...**

- 62% of program veterans have disabilities that limit their job options.
- 23% of these disabled vets have psychological problems
- 18% suffer with PTSD
- 12% are drug/alcohol dependent
- 39% of program vets have no income when they seek our services.
- Only 11% are employed part or full time.
- 52% have lengthy unemployment as an added barrier.

**CASE 1** - Trevor, 27, was a Navy Seal who served in Afghanistan. He returned to the US severely traumatized, and began drinking heavily. He ended up homeless and in trouble with the law. Trevor was referred to our Behavioral Health Center in Sacramento, where he underwent treatment for both his alcoholism and his PTSD. He received group and individual therapy, as well as medical support from the local VA. After nine months of treatment, he successfully applied for both service-connected disability and vocational rehabilitation. He is living on his own, and attending Universal Technical Institute to become a mechanic.

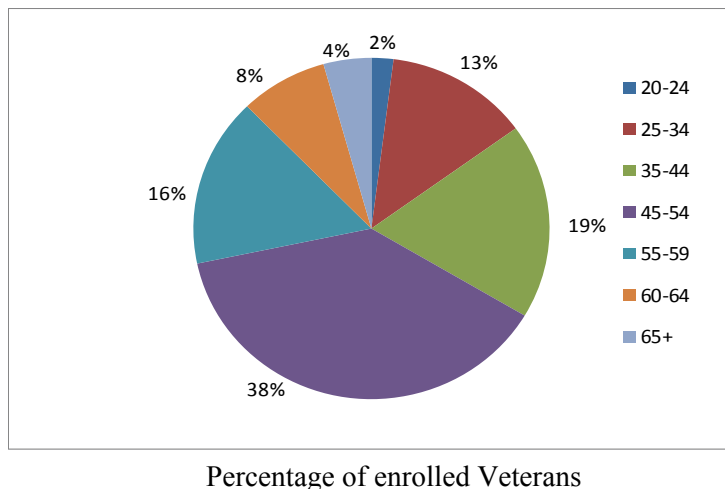
**CASE 2** - James is a 26 y o honorably discharged Marine OEF/OIF combat veteran. James has a 10% service connected disability for hearing loss, currently attending the Pathways Home program at the Veterans Home in Yountville, CA; is taking online Western Governor University courses for a degree in Physics. James received assistance through VVC's VA funded Supportive Services for Veteran Family grant. James moved his family to Yountville to be closer to his treatment facility. VVC will continue to work with James, as he finishes his Pathways Home program, his education, establishes his career path and pursues employment.

### 74% OF THE VETERANS ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS WERE WITHOUT PERMANENT HOUSING



**Case 3** - Sheri is Vietnam era Navy veteran with an honorable discharge. She ran a successful construction business before she lost her position. When she came to our agency, she had been living in her car for four months. Emergency shelter and assistance was provided through one of our community partners. We helped her get the support from Social Services, and the VA. Working with our staff, she was able to select a career path. She attended our "Winning the Employment Game", and is currently employed by the State of California, which enabled her to find permanent housing.

### AGE BREAKDOWN



Established in 1972 as a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, Vietnam Veterans of California Inc. (VVC) offers community-based services to veterans of all era's and their families throughout Northern California and Northern Nevada. VVC addresses the complex realities of veterans facing personal crises and the lack of supportive services to help them, and has worked diligently to put in place innovative programs to effectively fill the gaps in available assistance programs.

VVC currently operates 100 Grand and Per Diem beds in three cities: Eureka, Santa Rosa (where our corporate headquarters is also located), and Sacramento. We operate a total of 57 dual diagnosis treatment beds in three cities Sacramento, Santa Rosa and Eureka California. VVC also operates a housing program for female veterans and their children in Sacramento. VVC also runs extensive employment and training programs in Santa Rosa and Sacramento. In the fall of 2011 VVC opened its fifth site in Redding, and in 2012 VVC opened a service center in Reno, Nevada.

VVC also operates the Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC), a consulting and training service for entrepreneurial veterans looking to start or expand their own business.

VVC is also one of the first grantees in the Support Services for Veterans and Families Program (SSVF) and serves over 800 veteran families per year in two states in rapid re-housing and homeless prevention. Overall, VVC runs 22 grants and contracts service nearly 4,000 veterans a year.

The primary objective of VVC is to help our residents remove barriers to self-sufficiency. This is the cornerstone of a successful transition from homelessness to economic independence. The programs help participants identify and mitigate barriers to unemployment (or obtain pension or service connected disability funds if not returning to the workforce) and allows veterans to make necessary changes in their lives through treatment, education and case management.

The program's ultimate goal is for participants to become responsible, self-sufficient members of society. This is achieved through comprehensive life skills and career assessments, completion of case management and vocational training plans, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and advocacy by trained and motivated staff. Our residents participate in specialized meetings and support groups use community resources for problem resolution, and where, possible, implement reunification plans with family.

As of December 2012, VVC has served over 1,000 OEF/OIF veterans, 60% of them homeless, 59% of them disabled in some way. VVC employs a diverse, professional and talented staff in order to serve these and all veterans in a respectful and positive way; including case managers, business consultants, drug and alcohol counselors, program support staff, teachers and mental health therapists.

For more information on VVC programs and service locations, please visit our website at [www.vietvets.org](http://www.vietvets.org)