

## Where are the Assistance Programs located?

Veterans Assistance Programs are located at Chippewa Falls, Fort McCoy, King and Union Grove.

## What is a Veterans Assistance Program like?

Each assistance program offers clean, safe and secure housing. The assistance program's staff members are highly trained professionals, who are dedicated to serving veterans.

All veterans have work responsibilities while staying within the veterans assistance program. Veterans will work together to maintain the center. The discipline and hard work serves to bring back each veteran's pride, confidence and self-esteem.

Veterans may also earn money while in the VAP that will be placed in a savings account. This money will be used to obtain housing after the veteran completes the program.

Veterans may be assessed a program fee of up to 30% of their gross income.

## How does a veteran apply for admission to the VAP?

Veterans who wish to apply for the VAP or need more information can:

- Contact a county veterans service office (listed in the telephone book under "County Government").
- Contact the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387).
- Contact the Veterans Assistance Program at **Chippewa Falls**, (715) 726-2541.
- Contact the Veterans Assistance Program at **Fort McCoy**, (608) 269-0234.
- Contact the Veterans Assistance Program at **King**, (715) 256-1118.
- Contact the Veterans Assistance Program at **Union Grove**, (262) 878-9151.

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# VETERANS HOMELESS PROGRAM

- A PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND VETERANS AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

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## Veterans Assistance Program

*The goal of the Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) is to help military veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless obtain steady employment and affordable housing to reintegrate into the community.*

## Who is eligible to participate in the VAP?

All veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will confirm military service and eligibility.

## What about the veteran's family?

An assistance center cannot feed or house spouses (unless the spouse is also a veteran) or children. However, VAP staff will help the veteran's family obtain adequate housing while the veteran is in the program.

## How long does it take to complete the VAP?

Generally, veterans can complete their individual program in about 4–6 months. Some veterans may complete their program in less time and some will take longer, up to a maximum of 2 years.

## What can the VAP do for veterans?

The VAP offers stable, secure and safe shelter to male and female homeless veterans while they receive the training and other services necessary to become self-supporting.

The VAP also can assist veterans who are not homeless but need job training and other services.

The VAP operates where eligible veterans can access a wide array of services, such as those listed below.

- Housing
- Job Training
- Education
- Counseling
- Health care, including treatment of PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder)
- Treatment for alcohol or drug abuse problems
- Benefits and entitlements

## How does the VAP work?

A VAP staff member will confer with each veteran to determine immediate and long-term needs. Then, the veteran and VAP staff

member will agree on a specific assistance program that meets those needs.

Applicants who need medical attention or treatment for drug/alcohol problems will receive these services as quickly as possible.

Applicants with drug or alcohol problems **must** successfully complete a treatment program before they continue the VAP process.

Based on their housing needs, veterans may:

- live and work at the Assistance Program while they receive services offered through the VAP.
- OR live elsewhere but spend their days at the Assistance Program to receive services.

## Single Room Occupancy (SRO)

Both Chippewa Falls and Union Grove have SROs available to those veterans needing longer term housing in a secure and safe environment while they continue to become self-sufficient.

To be considered for an SRO, veterans may have graduated from a VAP or have only a need for individual housing. A veteran must have income in order to pay the monthly program fee.