

Forgotten Warriors

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Abstract

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD,), they estimate that there are 49,933 homeless veterans (National Coalition, 2014). While our group worked with a non-profit organization called “Camp Hope for Heroes,” we learned more about the struggles veterans face when coming home permanently from war. The name “Camp Hope for Heroes” speaks for itself, providing hope to our war heroes and their families.

This organization is dear to our hearts as each of us has a family member or close friend in the military, as I’m sure you do also. We had the opportunity to raise donations and awareness for Camp Hope for Heroes and the veterans they serve. Many of our war veterans are blessed enough to return home from war, while some soldiers are fallen heroes and are laid to rest on the battle field. What are our veterans, our heroes, coming home to?

No house, no job, and no support system are what many of these warriors have waiting for them once they return home. Some of our forgotten warriors don’t even come back with the same number of limbs that they left with. The same streets we walk down, drive on to go to work, or lay our heads to rest at night, are the same streets that these forgotten warriors are falling to sleeping on at night. Our country has been privileged with freedom and safety because of the sacrifices of our United States Armed forces, our warriors, our heroes. These men and women in uniform fought for us, for our freedom. It's our duty to fight for them, for their future, so they do not become forgotten warriors.