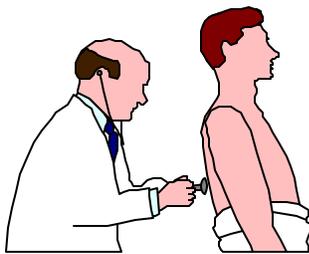


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Also known as Americorps, this Federal agency, described as a domestic Peace Corps, is unique in that volunteering is central to its mission. One of its local endeavors, through L.A. VETS (a charitable organization), is to “create the conditions for the greatest number of homeless veterans to reach their highest level of independence as rapidly as possible,” by administering the WESTSIDE RESIDENCE HALL in L.A., a transitional housing and economic development facility, and creating the VILLAGES AT CABRILLO in Long Beach, a transitional village for homeless veterans and homeless families.



Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties also have sites. Clinical support for the veterans comes from the Department of Veterans Affairs. During the first four years of operation, 50,000 homeless individuals have been served nationally through this program. Each year almost 150,000 hours of service were contributed to homeless veteran providers.

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**And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you;
ask what you can do for your country.**

John F. Kennedy

