Veterans Day 2018 - Message - John Levi, Chairman, LSC Board



On Veterans Day, we honor those who honored our country with their service and sacrifice. They have earned our enduring respect and gratitude, and, when they need it, they should get help obtaining the benefits and assistance they are entitled to and so richly deserve.

A department of Veterans Affairs survey of homeless vets earlier this year found that four of these 40,000 veterans' top ten unmet needs were legal-- assistance with child support issues, driver's license restoration, outstanding warrants and fines, and evictions and foreclosures.

LSC and its 132 grantees in every state across the country assist the nation's 1.7 million vets eligible for LSC-funded services with these and many other civil legal issues.

Among our initiatives: launching in 2010 <u>StatesideLegal.org</u>, the first national website focused on helping veterans and military families; providing on-site legal help at veterans' centers; establishing medical-legal partnerships with veterans' health centers; operating legal hotlines for veterans; taking part in Stand Down

events for homeless veterans; organizing pro bono assistance; and other outreach and advocacy programs.

LSC and its grantees stand with our veterans every day, and on this day, join all Americans in saluting their service.

<u>Legal Services Corporation</u> (LSC) is an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. The Corporation currently provides funding to 133 independent nonprofit legal aid programs in every state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

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