

## PATRIOTS' LANDING

### OEF/OIF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING PROGRAM

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Our Mission  
Statement

"Serving Those Who  
Served"

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Since 1863, the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs at Rocky Hill has offered a continuum of services designed to assist veterans in need.

The *Patriots' Landing* OEF/OIF Transitional Assistance Housing Program was established in the Fall of 2010 in response to a growing need to provide transitional housing services to returning service members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan (OEF-OIF-OND).

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Provide temporary, supportive housing and case management services for Connecticut resident Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

#### **HOUSING LOCATION:**

The houses are located on West Street in Rocky Hill, CT across from the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs main campus. The five houses were renovated through a \$250,000 state bond authorization and fully furnished through the support of veterans and community organizations. The houses can accommodate up to fifteen (15) residents, with one house reserved for women veterans. All houses are completely furnished, equipped with kitchen supplies, bedding, furniture, washers & dryers, and full kitchens. The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for all maintenance and repairs.

#### **PRIORITY ADMISSION FOR PATRIOTS' LANDING:**

**Priority #1** – Veterans transitioning from active duty military service back to Connecticut with qualifying OEF, OIF and OND service.

**Priority #2** – Veterans transitioning from active duty military service back to Connecticut with other qualifying wartime service.

**Priority #3** – Other Connecticut Veterans with qualifying federal military service, on a case by case basis.

**Priority #4** - Members of the Connecticut National Guard, on a space available basis, not otherwise eligible for admission, upon request from the Adjutant General.

#### **GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA:**

- A veteran must have received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States.
- A veteran must meet all other legal and residency requirements as outlined in the Connecticut statutes.
- An intake interview conducted by CT DVA staff will be required of all program applicants. Based on that interview, the veteran may be required to provide additional medical, behavioral health, or substance abuse information.
- All medical care and associated costs is the responsibility of the individual program resident. Veterans must register with the Federal VA Healthcare System.

#### **ADMISSION APPLICATION:**

To obtain an admission application, contact:

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#### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Only single veterans are allowed residency. No married couples or families are eligible for this program.
- The allowed length of stay is six months, renewable for one additional period of six months based on individual needs and a staff evaluation. All residents must transition to an independent living situation within 1 year.
- Residents will be expected to pay a monthly program fee after the initial 90 days. The current program fee is \$200 per month.
- Residents must agree to, and conform to the house rules which include NO smoking, NO alcohol or drug use, NO violence, and NO overnight guests.
- Veterans in the Program must be capable and willing to live independently and agree to enroll in college, be employed and/or volunteer in a structured program while a resident.

#### **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:**

- Assistance to Develop Action Plan / Establish Goals
- Case Management / Social Work
- Vocational / Educational Support
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Employment Assistance
- Referrals to: Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Social Services, Military Support Program, Vet Center and Office of Veteran Advocacy and Assistance