

Nov 11-12,
2023

OPERATION VANGUARD

10th
Annual!

A MISSION OF **Reach Services**

FACTS ABOUT VETERAN HOMELESSNESS:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), along with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), released initial results from HUD's 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The data points to an 11% decline in homelessness among veterans between 2020 and 2022, the largest drop in homelessness for veterans in more than five years. **Statistics from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development November 3, 2022**

Community support of programs like Reach Veteran Services allows us to address the needs of local Veterans and further the mission of ending Veteran Homelessness.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY:

The regional summer count conducted in July 2022 observed 531 sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals in Vigo County. We know that typically 30% of those experiencing homelessness are Veterans, so out of the 6,942 Veterans in Vigo County, approximately 160 of them are homeless. Too many! **Reach Veterans Services & U.S. Census Bureau**

"This fiscal year we have housed or prevented homelessness for 200 homeless veterans and their families in Terre Haute, IN" -**InteCare Supportive Services For Veteran Families (SSVF)**

SUPPORT OPERATION VANGUARD 2023 AND JOIN OUR HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? GET INVOLVED WITH VANGUARD IN THESE WAYS:

Additional details are on the back of this flyer and online at www.reachservices.care/vanguard



**STOP BY THE OPERATION
VANGUARD CAMP TO DONATE,
VOLUNTEER, OR SPEND THE NIGHT**



**NEW FOR 2023! HOST A
TABLE AT OUR VETERAN
RESOURCE EVENT**



**HOST A DONATION BOX
AT YOUR LOCATION TO
RAISE FUNDS**

The **2023 Operation Vanguard** event raises awareness and vital funds for homeless and at-risk Veterans in the Wabash Valley. Your participation and donations directly impact this community. We will be hosting our annual “Homelessness Challenge” and invite our community’s participation. The event is designed to encourage our community to raise funds for our Veterans and also emulates the struggles that homeless individuals experience daily. During this time, participants will be living in cardboard boxes or tents outside of our office building at 1400 Hulman Street. Donations of money and food or hygiene items will be collected from the public as well.

DETAILS: Operation Vanguard begins Saturday November 11th, 2023, after the Veteran’s Day parade. Our Opening Ceremony will occur at 3:00pm at 1400 Hulman, followed by a resource event for Veterans and their families. Our Homelessness Challenge begins immediately and continues through Sunday the 12th at Noon.



STOP BY THE OPERATION VANGUARD CAMP TO DONATE, VOLUNTEER, OR SPEND THE NIGHT

November 11, 2023, after the Veteran’s Day Parade

Stop by 1400 Hulman between the end of the Veteran’s Day Parade and Noon on Sunday November 12th to donate, volunteer to collect donations, or experience the full Homelessness Challenge and camp overnight. During our challenge we will have barrels at the Operation Vanguard Site to take donations from the community. We will accept: Non-perishable food, food gift cards, household and hygiene items. Monetary donations are always welcome - no gift is too small. We will take cash, coins, check, or card.



NEW FOR 2023: VETERAN RESOURCE EVENT

November 11, 2023, from 3 – 5pm

After Opening Ceremonies at 1400 Hulman, we will be hosting various agencies and organizations that offer programs and services for Veterans and their families. If you wish to have a table at this event, please be in touch with Veteran Services Program Manager, Lavett Wilson, 317-201-6690.



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Make your connections, collect the donations in the container we provide, and then return the container and funds to us during or after Operation Vanguard. You can also contact us at 812-232-6305 to arrange for our team to pick up the donations.

Thank you for helping us raise funds for this event! We encourage you to contact your own community, friends, co-workers, or family members and encourage them to donate at your location or at ours during Operation Vanguard. These funds will allow our Veterans Services team to further our mission of serving those who so selflessly served us. Any size of donation is accepted and appreciated. **REMEMBER EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!**

Alternatively, if you would like to give but live too far away, or are unable to attend the event, you can mail a donation to **1400 Hulman Street Terre Haute, IN 47802** or you can donate online at www.reachservices.care/vanguard. For more information, contact us at 812-232-6305.