VETERANS – Access to housing in Hampden County

1. **Obtain DD-214** to check Eligibility for Veteran Benefits
   * Ask for copy of DD-214
   * If no DD-214, complete SF-180: <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>

Fax SF-180 to 314-801-9195; request response faxed back-do not fill in mail address. Write “For homeless purposes” on form.

1. **Refer to Veterans Inc**, even while waiting for SF-180

* Beth Barbra, (413) 276-9311
* Katherine Person, [(508) 340-8189](tel:(508)%20340-8189)

1. **Complete VISDPAT** and enter in Homelink
2. **Identify Housing Options** – referral contact information on reverse

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|  | DD-214 shows active duty | Discharge other than dishonorable | Not a level 3 sex offender | Wants sober housing | Has income | Disabled | Chronic |
| VA VASH | • | • | • |  |  | • |  |
| Soldier On PSH | • | • | • |  |  |  |  |
| Veterans Inc SSVF | • |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VOC Chapin Manor |  |  |  | • |  |  |  |
| Cass Street |  |  |  | • |  |  |  |
| SMOC Vikings Landing |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |
| CoC PSH |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |
| CoC RRH |  |  |  |  | • |  |  |
| SHA AHVP |  |  | • |  | • | • |  |

**Other helpful Veteran resources:**

VA Peer Outreach Specialist: Andy Fahey, (413) 835-1454

Veteran Services Officers – for Chapter 115 benefits

Springfield, 36 Court Street, Room 101, 413-787-6141

Holyoke, Memorial Building, 310 Appleton Street, 413-322-5630

West Springfield, Chris Lizotte, 26 Central Street, 413-263-3019

Chicopee, 36-38 Center Street, 413-594-3470

Westfield, James Jordan, 45 Noble Street, Room 114, Westfield Senior Center, 413-642-9314

**VETERAN HOUSING RESOURCES**

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| **VA – VASH** | Housing voucher; veteran must find housing unit  Must have active service, not have a dishonorable discharge; cannot be level 3 SO  Veterans Administration, 25 Bond St., Springfield  Contact: Kate Sweetser-Owens, 413-584-4040 x 6107  [Katelyn.sweetser-owens@va.gov](mailto:Katelyn.sweetser-owens@va.gov) |
| **Soldier On – PSH** | Permanent supportive housing in Agawam and Chicopee  Must be eligible for VASH  To apply: Access application at 421 Main St., bldg. 6, Leeds, online <http://www.wesoldieron.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Chapin-Application.pdf>  Contact: Collin Flynn (413) 387-3639, [cflynn@wesoldieron.org](mailto:cflynn@wesoldieron.org) |
| **Veterans Inc – SSVF** | Rapid rehousing assistance and case management  Must have one day of active duty  Contact: Beth Barbra (413) 276-9311 or Katherine Person [(508) 340-8189](tel:(508)%20340-8189) |
| **VOC Chapin Mansion (Holyoke)/ Maguder House (Chicopee)** | Chapin Mansion, Holyoke; Magruder House, Chicopee; Total 14 units, SRO  Sober (6 month minimum); units have section 8 subsidy; cannot be level 3 SO  Veteran does not need to have had active service; no dishonorable discharge  To apply: Access application at 63 West S, Chicopee or on line <https://valleyopp.com/housing/available-housing/veterans-housing/chapin-mansion>  Contact: Christy Torres: 413-846-3023 |
| **SMOC Vikings Landing** | 246-248 Main St., Easthampton; 10-unit SRO; sober; rent $\_\_\_  To apply: |
| **Bi Lingual Veterans – Cass Street** | 40 Cass St., Springfield, 19 apartments; sober; rent is subsidized  To apply: Wayfinders, Inc., 322 Main St., Springfield, 413-233-1500 |
| **CoC PSH** | Coordinated entry system for multiple PSH units for chronically homeless individuals  Access by completing a VISPDAT and entering it into Homelink |
| **CoC – RRH** | Short- or medium-term rental assistance for homeless individuals and families  Access medium-term assistance through coordinated entry  To apply for short-term assistance: Catholic Charities, 413-452-0605 |
| **SHA - AHVP** | Housing vouchers for disabled individuals  To apply: SHA Section 8 Office, 67 Sanderson St. Springfield |