

American Legion Service Officer Report – 12/3

Some quick hits:

What to do with a drunken, homeless, sailor?

Call Mather ER. Make sure he is health care eligible. Ask them to get ready for detox, including detox residential. Get him there.

What to do with the homeless Vet behind Walmart?

Persuade him that if he really loves the dog, he will give it up to animal control. They will do everything they can to get an adoptable animal, adopted.

Otherwise, unless it is a board certified service dog, not just an emotional support pet, every program will turn him down.

Yes, there are programs like Supportive Services for Veteran Families and HUD-VASH that will pay first and last month's rent, security deposit, and offer a year's worth of supportive services.

But, if you were the landlord, why would you rent to the homeless guy with no job, no income, and a dog?

Maybe he can get a \$1000 per month general pension going through El Dorado County Veteran Services. If he follows up.

What to do with her dad?

He's homeless. Moral injury. Those missiles killed kids and moms.

Moral injury sounds innocuous. It is not. It is a big predictor of suicidal ideation. Can throw an entire life off track.

Spent over half an hour with her reviewing all of his get out of hell cards.

She was way ahead of the curve, and promised she would get right back to me.

Have not heard a word.

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