**In 2023 more than 35,000 Veterans are now homeless. Many are in food lines, hoping that food donations continue beyond the holiday season.**

This situation has gotten worse every year in recent years.

A number of veterans service organizations are helping find housing for our homeless, but the big problem is that there are more homeless, than available homes, for our veterans. And few are able to get out of their homeless dilemma. There are no problems worse than problems with no solutions.

One source of this situation is that jobs are hard to find. Homeless senior veterans will find job hunting very frustrating. Those who are looking for jobs, will not find paying jobs that will cover the cost of housing and inflating cost of food, and clothing and medical care. Recall that during the federal shutdown in 2021, national polls revealed that 78 percent of our population were living paycheck to paycheck and did not have $400 to pay a sudden expense.

This deplorable situation must change, or sometime in the not-too-distant future, there is likely to be a revolution.

History will show that when a small minority holds a huge proportion of the wealth, the vast majority will eventually rebel. After all, the poor have nothing to lose, and potentially something to gain.

If the wealthy can control the military, the rebellion could fail and there will be a lot of misery.

Of course, this writer does not want this to happen, but I do not have the power to make changes to prevent a rebellion in the future, nor is it my desire that a rebellion take place.

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**SOURCE:**

**Our Veteran Homeless situation has gotten more acute.**

***ArmyTim*es, December 18, 2023**

[According to a recent analysis by the US government, the number of homeless people in the country was over 650,000 on a single day in January this year, with more than 35,000 of them being veterans 1](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/homelessness-among-american-veterans-increased-this-year-by-its-largest-margin-since-the-us-started-tracking/ar-AA1lBD5B). [The number of homeless veterans increased by more than 7% from 2022 to 2023, which is the largest yearly jump since federal officials launched a nationwide focus on the problem more than a decade ago 2](https://www.armytimes.com/veterans/2023/12/15/homelessness-among-veterans-jumped-more-than-7-last-year/).

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Homeless Programs Office (HPO) reports that between 2019 and 2020, the number of veterans experiencing homelessness increased by less than one percent (167 more people). [The increase was entirely among veterans staying in unsheltered places (859 more veterans) 3](https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/docs/HPO-General-Fact-Sheet-FY-2020-4-5-2021.pdf).

It is important to note that **homelessness is a complex issue that can be caused by a variety of factors, including poverty, lack of affordable housing, mental illness, and substance abuse.**

[There are many organizations that work to address homelessness among veterans, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, which has permanently housed 38,847 homeless veterans through October of 2023 4](https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-housed-38000-homeless-veterans-2023/).

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, there are resources available to help. [You can contact the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans at 1-800-VET-HELP or visit their website at https://www.nchv.org/ for more information](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/homelessness-among-american-veterans-increased-this-year-by-its-largest-margin-since-the-us-started-tracking/ar-AA1lBD5B)[2](https://www.armytimes.com/veterans/2023/12/15/homelessness-among-veterans-jumped-more-than-7-last-year/).