



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES  
ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN VETERANS**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting the Needs of New York's Homeless Veterans

**PURPOSE:** To review funding provided and actions being taken by NYS Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) and the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to address the needs of New York's homeless veterans, especially women and people of color

**NEW YORK CITY**  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
11 A.M.  
250 Broadway, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10007

New York is home to one of the largest and most diverse veteran populations in the United States. Unfortunately, New York also has approximately 1,000 homeless veterans<sup>1</sup>, including a disproportionate number of women and people of color.<sup>2</sup> This hearing will review the effectiveness of policies, the availability of services to support the population, and State funding at DVS and OTDA related to helping homeless veterans.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to seven minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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<sup>1</sup> HUD, The 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, p.64

<sup>2</sup> NYS Office of the State Comptroller, Reductions in Homelessness Among New York's Veterans, Nov 23, p.3

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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I plan to attend the following public hearing on Meeting the Needs of New York's Homeless Veterans to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Social Services and the Subcommittee on Women Veterans on December 19, 2023.

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to seven minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

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