

# Why are So Many Veterans Homeless? (1/2)

Our society tends to view people who have served in the military as being more virtuous than the average person. Is it possible that that view is *sometimes* wrong? In such a serious matter as homelessness, are we really doing veterans any favors by taking some questions off of the table?

In America, 1 adult in 500 is homeless. But among veterans, the number is 1 in 200. The standard explanation for this refers to the well-known factors of PTSD, combat and training injuries, and family stress due to the hardships of the military lifestyle.

The PML explanation (see next panel) offers an alternative view. PML does *not* mean to suggest that any of these above recognized causes of veteran homelessness are incorrect. PML is only an additional possible explanation. PML could occur either alone or in conjunction with any of the commonly recognized causes of homelessness. PML may be entirely absent in many (or even most) cases of veteran homelessness.