

U.S. VETS

OVERVIEW



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VISION & MISSION OF U.S. VETS

VISION: Our vision is that all military veterans and their families shall have their needs met in order to regain and maintain productive independence.

MISSION: The successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development, and comprehensive support



U.S. VETS CORE VALUES

Veteran Success

The success of our agency is based on the success of the veteran and their families whom we serve.

Excellence

We are committed to increasing our expertise to better serve veterans and their families.

Loyalty

We are loyal to our veterans and to our mission.

Dignity

We treat every veteran with dignity.

Hope

We instill hope in the veterans we serve and guide them to self-sufficiency.

Community Inclusion

We are committed to increase our ability to serve veterans by developing quality external partnerships.

Service

Our job is not done until every veteran is served.



ASHLEY'S PLACE

These homes are made possible by a generous benefactor and Habitat for Humanity, who recognized the need for a safe environment for female veterans affected by military sexual trauma (MST) and domestic violence (DV).



**In Loving Memory of
1st Lt. Ashley White
(1987 – 2011)**

U.S. Army



1st Lt. Ashley White was killed during combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on October 22, 2011, when the assault force she was supporting triggered an improvised explosive device.

Ashley was assigned to the 230th Brigade Support Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina National Guard, Goldsboro, NC and served as a member of a Cultural Support Team attached to a Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. As a Cultural Support Team Member on her first deployment to Afghanistan, White selflessly served. **Ashley's actions exemplify the highest commitment to duty, honor, and country** . In every instance she served with distinction in support of the Task Force and our great nation.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Ashley's Place (Military Sexual Trauma-MST and Domestic Violence Support Homes) provides transitional housing to support the unique needs of women who have experienced sexual trauma during their military service or are impacted by domestic violence. The program also offers assistance to those managing challenges with substance use.

Ashley's place will provide a safe and sober living environment where women can receive treatment for:

- sexual trauma
- substance misuse
- work re-entry counseling
- PTS
- mental health



Program Offerings

Case Management

- **Comprehensive Assessment:** Evaluating each resident's unique needs, including physical health, mental well-being, and social circumstances, to develop personalized care plans
- **Resource Coordination:** Connecting residents with essential services such as counseling, medical care, legal assistance, and substance use treatment, ensuring seamless access to these resources.
- **Advocacy:** Acting on behalf of residents to secure necessary services and support, while safeguarding their rights and interests.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Regularly reviewing and adjusting care plans to reflect residents' evolving needs and goals.
- **Supportive Counseling:** Providing emotional support and guidance to help residents navigate challenges and work towards self-sufficiency.
- **Life Skills Development:** Assisting residents in building skills such as financial management, job readiness, and effective communication to promote independence.
- **Community Integration:** Facilitating connections with community resources and support networks to aid in residents' reintegration and long-term stability.

Program Offerings

Process Group

- A group of peers gathered for the sole purpose of recovery.
- PG will be facilitated once per week by a therapist to help guide sessions.

IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) Group

- A Support Group held once per week for women with a history of
- Intimate Partner Violence. This may include physical, sexual, and/or psychological abuse.

Individual Therapy/Counseling

- Participants will engage in a bi-weekly individual counseling session with a
- therapist to discuss treatment goals related to trauma, depression and/or other MH needs.



Program Offerings

Life Skills

- Veterans learn to practice skills that help reduce stress, increase self – esteem and help them function better in society.

Benefit Assistance

- Partnership with DES
- VA Benefit Counselor with partnership with VA.

Workforce

- We have a workforce program to assist with career counseling, resume preparation and job search assistance.
- Funding to assist with certifications and training.

Art Therapy

Finance

- Budgeting
- Credit Recovery and Counseling
- Finance Education





DEMOGRAPHICS

Ashley's Place Since February 2023 -

24 Woman Served

7 DV

3 MST

14 DV and MST

12 females had children

U.S.VETS Females Served Since February (SN, GPD and TIP)

162 Females

36 DV Only

16 MST

66 DV and MST

73% of females reported sexual abuse



Partners

Veterans Administration (VA)
Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES)
Be Connected
Arizona Coalition for Military Families
Arizona Coalition to End Domestic Violence
Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS)
Arizona Department of Veteran Services (ADVS)
DES-Arizona at Work
Veterans First
Sun City Elks Lodge #2559
WAC Chapter 68 – Woman’s Army Corp Charter
Daughters of the American Revolution

Overview and Eligibility

By addressing the specific needs of female veterans affected by MST and DV, Ashley's Place plays a crucial role in helping these individuals rebuild their lives. The program's holistic approach fosters healing, growth, and empowerment, enabling residents to transition to permanent housing and achieve long-term stability.

Eligibility:

- Must be a female veteran
- Must have experienced Military Sexual Trauma (MST) or Domestic Violence (DV)
- Must be homeless and/or at-risk of homeless
- Must commit to actively engaging in the programs
- May or may not have children



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THANK YOU

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