



# 2018 Impact

*Building stronger futures for veterans and military families  
with the power of pro bono legal care*

## Mission

Veterans Legal Institute is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides pro bono legal services to homeless, disabled, low-income, and at-risk current and former US Service members to eradicate barriers to housing, employment, education, and healthcare to foster self-sufficiency.

## Legal Services are **Critical** to Empowerment

**2231** individual cases were opened, of which **85%** were male, **15%** were female and **20%** were older veterans

**41** mobile clinics at the VA Hospital Long Beach, Starbucks Coffee, Saddleback College, OC Veterans Service Office, North County Vet Center and the City of Mission Viejo

**30%** of cases addressed veterans benefits and discharge upgrades

**270** individual cases were dedicated to keeping veterans in their homes

## Homeless & Low-Income Veterans & Military Families Face **Significant** and **Diverse** Challenges

**19 to 103** is the age range of our veterans, with an average age of **42**

**1140** children were supported through empowering their veteran parent(s)

Veterans who are single have an average income **\$1790** per month or less

Military families of **4** have an average income of **\$3130** per month or less

**\$1800** is the median rent in Southern California

## Increasing Legal Advocacy Requires **Tireless** and **Creative** Commitment

**50** outreach events tailored to connecting to veterans with specialized resources

**80** pro bono attorney network of solo to large firms

**26** specialty clinics in family law, veterans benefits and estate planning

**200+** volunteers and law clerks provided **6,000+** hours of service