

HOLLY SIEREN

Goes to work every day with one mission: **Assist Veterans in need.**

Holly Sieren is the Region 11 coordinator of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs' (WDVA) Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP). Coordinators like Holly work throughout the state to connect Veterans to community services, and provide case management and support, with a special focus on treatment and recovery.



These are people who were willing to make huge sacrifices for our country, and I'm glad we are given an opportunity to find and help them.

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Holly has an office in Union Grove, but she spends most of her day working directly with Veterans throughout her region which includes Green, Rock, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha counties.

Veterans involved in VORP can receive crisis services and on-the-street case management to get treatment for mental health and/or substance use care, including assistance in paying for private treatment. VORP coordinators like Holly work closely with County

Veterans Service Officers (CVSO), Veteran Service Organizations, local government agencies, community nonprofits, and other organizations to help the Veterans in their region access individualized wrap-around services such as housing, food, clothing, furniture, education, and employment.

Recently, Holly met a Veteran who had just lost her husband. Due to the change in her income level, the Veteran lost her home, became homeless, and had to spend

nights living in her car. When she contacted Holly, she had a temporary living situation, but it was a toxic environment that was detrimental to her mental health. Using WDVA funds and assistance from the local Salvation Army, Holly was able to get her into a motel room that night and for several additional days.

Holly then found her a spot at an emergency shelter. The Veteran has now received HUD-VASH and is looking for her own apartment.

"Just meeting with Holly that day and knowing I had someone here to fight for me has definitely changed my life for the better," said the Veteran.

The WDVA's Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program started out as a pilot program in 49 counties in 2014 and has since expanded to all 72 counties in Wisconsin. Since the program's inception, coordinators have helped hundreds of Veterans obtain mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and other supportive services.

If you know of a Veteran in need, you can reach Holly Sieren at 262-225-7636.

VORP staff work with community partners and professionals to provide assistance and connection to:

- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Treatment
- Financial Assistance
- Housing and Utilities
- Claims and Benefits Assistance
- Employment and Education
- And many other services

Holly has been an integral part of our homeless outreach team since its inception. Holly's vast experience and unparalleled compassion for the homeless men and women in our community is an incredible asset to our team. I am relieved to know that Holly is working tirelessly for our Veterans in their time of need.

Sergeant Benjamin Thompson,
Janesville Police Department