



## Slouch Hat Wines is Proud to Support Vets on Track Foundation

It is a great honor to announce that Slouch Hat Wines has chosen to support Vets on Track Foundation and will donate a portion of all case sales to the organization.

Since Slouch Hat Wines' inception, I have sought to work with a veteran organization to give back to those that have worked so hard and truly earned their slouch. I could not think of a better organization than Vets on Track, which I have worked directly with and supported from afar for nearly a decade. As a Marine Community Outreach Officer in Quantico, Virginia, I discovered Vets on Track and spent many afternoons helping pick up furniture donations and furnish veterans' homes. Working alongside Rick Ecker, Vets on Track's Founder, I was able to see first-hand the impact Vets on Track's mission has on the veteran community.

Vets on Track's mission is to end veteran homelessness and significantly reduce the number of suicides by helping rebuild self-worth, self-dignity, and purpose. Many organizations that work with the homeless do a wonderful job finding permanent housing and employment. Oftentimes, however, that is where their attention ends. Permanent housing without the basic comforts of a home – such as a bed, sofa, dishes, or cooking essentials – can have a devastating mental impact and negatively affect a veteran's reintegration back into their community. Vets on Track accepts furniture donations in order to provide those basic comforts to newly housed veterans. This eliminates one of the largest stressors in the veteran's life as he or she makes this monumental transition.

Over the years Vets on Track has continued to grow and expand their outreach. They moved their headquarters to the Richmond, Virginia area to extend their resources to more veterans in need. They are also expanding to two locations outside Virginia (that will be announced soon) and working to develop a "Fresh Start Village, Distribution, and Resource Center" to provide temporary housing and resources to those awaiting a permanent placement. I hope through this partnership that I can at least repay a portion of all the dinners Rick and his family provided to me and my fellow Marines as well as support their ongoing mission to end veteran homelessness.

You can learn more or donate directly at [www.vettrack.org](http://www.vettrack.org).

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