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# aps and energy star partner to help u.s. veterans

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## upgrading transitional veteran housing in phoenix for national energy star awareness day

24 hour media hotline

PHOENIX – Arizona Public Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([http://www.energystar.gov?\\_\\_utma=172919287.539349661.1413824055.1414088691.1414169147.4&\\_\\_utmb=172919287.6.8.1414169893233&\\_\\_utmc=172919287&\\_\\_utmz=172919287.1413827988.2.2.utmcsrc=google%7cutmccn=%28organic%29%7cutmcmd=organic%7cutmctr=%28not%20provided%29&\\_\\_utmv=172919287.%7c1=visitor%20id=539](http://www.energystar.gov?__utma=172919287.539349661.1413824055.1414088691.1414169147.4&__utmb=172919287.6.8.1414169893233&__utmc=172919287&__utmz=172919287.1413827988.2.2.utmcsrc=google%7cutmccn=%28organic%29%7cutmcmd=organic%7cutmctr=%28not%20provided%29&__utmv=172919287.%7c1=visitor%20id=539)), through its EPA ENERGY STAR® Program, announced a partnership today that will provide a better life for recently homeless veterans. APS and EMER combined to completely makeover a facility that offers safe, secure housing to help these veterans get back on their feet.

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Located a few miles west of Downtown Phoenix, the US Vets (<http://www.usvetsinc.org/>) facility is currently home to 135 veterans who have faced chronic homelessness for a year or longer or who has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years and has a APS and its partners are working to make this transitional housing as energy efficient as possible – saving the US Vets organization \$40,000 a year in lifetime of the equipment, savings will total more than \$675,000.

"Of the veterans living in America today, 63,000 are chronically homeless – nearly 20 percent of the homeless population," said John F. Scott II (<http://www.aps.com/about-us/senior-staff/>), M.S.W., Executive Director for US Vets Phoenix. "Cutting costs on energy will enable us to repurpose those funds to help more veterans by offering additional housing units, counseling and job assistance programs to get these heroes back on their feet."

Upgrades to the Phoenix transitional housing include replacing inefficient windows, light bulbs, insulation, and refrigerators in all of the 135 units with high STAR products. New commercial-grade washers and dryers will be installed in the common area for all veterans to use. In addition, a new ENERGY STAR installed in the US Vets rec room. The overall effort was organized by APS in cooperation with EPA.

"Supporting those who have served our country is a priority at APS, and part of a broader commitment to serving the communities where our employees live families," said Don Brandt (<http://www.pinnaclewest.com/aboutus/Pages/Donald-E-Brandt.aspx>), APS Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Veterans are workforce – around 20 percent. APS and our customers benefit from the skills, experiences and values these heroes bring to work every day."

ENERGY STAR Partner organizations that stepped up to provide much-needed products and services to the US Vets project include Sears Home Improve LG Electronics and APS energy efficiency program.

Today's event closes out a national ENERGY STAR community service tour (<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/304b872aa8bf7fa085257d66004c620e%210OpenDocument>), launched by the EPA earlier this month on the tour, and it is no coincidence that today's event lands on National ENERGY STAR Awareness Day.

### About APS

APS, Arizona's largest and longest-serving electricity utility, serves nearly 1.2 million customers in 11 of the state's 15 counties. With headquarters in Phoenix, APS is a principal subsidiary of Pinnacle West Capital Corp. (NYSE: PNW).

### About US Vets

U.S.VETS is the nation's largest nonprofit provider of comprehensive services to homeless and at-risk veterans. Our Mission is to facilitate the successful transition of veterans and their families to civilian life through comprehensive support for housing, counseling and career development.

### About EPA ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, people in America have looked to EPA's ENERGY STAR Program for green products, buildings, and homes that save energy, save money and protect the environment. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world, helping families save \$300 billion on utility bills, while reducing carbon pollution by two billion metric tons since 1992. Join the millions who are already making a difference. (<http://www.energystar.gov/>)

Why are we banning efficiency energy standards that are helping thousands of our U.S. Veterans.???

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