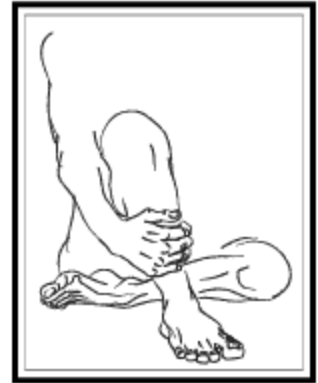


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**Life without Shelter in the United States
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First-Person Narrative

Selections from “The Forgotten Fight: An Oral History of Homeless Veterans” (2016)

Interview transcripts:

- Don ([Don Transcript](#))
- Cordell ([Cordell Transcript](#))

Please read the brief biographical statements for each of these veterans as well:

[Veteran Biographies](#)

*If possible, please watch the following video clips. Many of these clips will be reviewed during the discussion.

- Don: Clips 1, 7, 9, 10, and 13.
- Cordell: Clips 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, and 13.

Scholarly Readings

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