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SLVHCS Director celebrates ending Veterans homelessness in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System Director Fernando O. Rivera, along with the VA Homeless team, joined New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and other community partners at Gallier Hall in New Orleans to recognize those who worked to end Veterans homelessness in New Orleans by December 2014.

On July 4, 2014, the city of New Orleans accepted First Lady Michelle Obama’s challenge to end Veteran homelessness by the end of 2014, a year earlier than the national goal.

President Obama recognized the achievement during his [remarks](#) to the nation’s mayors at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Jan. 23.



The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System Homeless Veterans team, Director Fernando O. Rivera (third from right) and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu (fourth from right) celebrated the end of Veterans Homelessness at an event Jan. 29, 2014 at Gallier Hall in New Orleans.

To achieve that noble goal, the city of New Orleans, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, and many community partners came together to look for and implement unique ways of identifying our homeless Veterans and get them into permanent housing.

“This success is the result of everyone involved working daily to build relationships and trust with those Veterans who needed help,” said Fernando O. Rivera, SLVHCS Director. “Our Veterans have sacrificed much and this community came together to give them roofs over their heads.”

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