



2010 Stand Down Events Calendar

A Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops would assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food and a relative degree of safety before returning to the front. Today these events are held in a local community where homeless Veterans are provided with a wide variety of social services. Items such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment, are provided at a Stand Down.

Each year, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) awards Stand Down grants to programs that enhance employment and training opportunities to promote self-sufficiency for homeless Veterans. VETS anticipates that up to \$400,000 will be made available for grant awards up to a maximum of \$10,000 per multi-day event and \$7000 per (1) day event.

The Stand Downs currently planned for 2010 are listed below. The list will be updated as funding is provided.

For additional information on Stand Down dates and locations, please contact VETS at (202) 693-4728.

Organization	City	State	Event Date
American Legion Milwaukee Women's Post 448	Milwaukee	WI	27 Feb 10
National Association of System Administrators	Crystal Lake	ILL	8-9 Mar 10
Mecklenburg County Veterans' Service Department	Charlotte	NC	12 Mar 10
Veterans' Memorial Center, Inc.	Merritt Island	FL	20 Mar 10
The South Atlantic Center for Veterans' Education and Training	Columbus	GA	17 Apr 10
Suffolk County Veterans' Service Agency	Hauppauge	NY	23 Apr 10
Kitsap County Department of Personnel & Human Resources	Port Orchard	WA	24 Apr 10
Polk County Board of County Commissioners	Bartow	FL	15 May 10
Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources	Hattiesburg	MS	9 Jun 10
Vietnam Veterans' America	Bozeman	MT	19 Jun 10
Chicago Veterans Economic Development Council	Oak Park	ILL	18-19 Jun 10