

2024 Port Townsend Stand Down - *After Action Report*

Total Registered	90 - (73 Men - 17 Women)
Female Veterans	14
Male Veterans	72
Homeless Male Veterans	5
Homeless Female Veterans	0- 1 at risk female
Family Members	3
Non-Veterans	1
Service Providers	33 agencies
Volunteers	38

Clothing Room: Total Served	52
Males:	41
Female:	11

Outdoor Equipment Trailer: issued equipment to 2 Homeless Veterans

American Red Cross

Total Seen 22
Action Taken
Connected with fellow service providers; met fantastic folks

Barber: Debi Hinton, Victorian Clipper Barbershop

Cut hair for 1

Bayside Housing

Total Seen 28
Action Taken 2
Collaboration with Red Cross; housing, NWVRC, cell phones/tablets for veterans

Caption Call

Total Seen 12
Action Taken 1 signed up

Clallam County Veterans Service Officer-NW Veterans Resource Center

Total Seen 10
Action Taken 8

Clallam Jefferson ProBono Lawyers

Total Seen 7
Action Taken 5
Signed veterans up for wills and estate planning clinic; drafted a POA for client on the spot

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5:

Total Seen 7
Action Taken 3
Filed for records from National Archives; set up future appointments to file for benefits

Dental Screening: John Barrett, DDS

Total Seen 11
Action Taken 6 referrals to dentist

Referred others to other resources; a number of veterans reported frustration with delay of VA services; breakdowns in communications.

Dove House Advocacy Services:

Total Seen 47
Action Taken - Provided resource information; veteran shared that he has enjoyed seeing our agency grow over the years; suggest alternate transportation options for vets to the Stand Down

Department of Social and Health Services:

Total Seen no data

ECHHO

Total Seen 19
Action Taken -
“We love what you (ECHHO) do”

Ginny Johnson, DVM

Total Seen no data
Action Taken

Jefferson County Veterans Assistance:

Total seen: 16
Action taken: 5

JC Mash and Jefferson Fire & Rescue-Health Screening

Total Seen 9
Action Taken 9

Blood pressure and vital signs taken; troubleshooting medical issues; networked with other providers

Jefferson Transit:

Total Seen 23
Action Taken 6

Provided bus route information, Dial a Ride; enjoyed talking to veterans; a great way to learn about our past

Narcotics Anonymous:

Total seen 8
Action taken 3

Fellowship and visiting other providers

Nine (9) Line Veterans

Total Seen no data
Action Taken

“wonderful event”

Northwest Veterans Resource Center

Total Seen 27

Action Taken 2

VA healthcare sign up; DAV van information; offered plenty of help; good laughs;

Olympic Community Action Programs:

Total Seen 16

Action Taken 6

Applications for utility/energy assistance; home fund,

Opportunity Council SSVF

Total Seen 11

Action Taken 5

Assisted in scheduling housing appointments; after meeting with veteran they were so moved and in tears that our team teared up with him

Peninsula College

Total Seen 10

Action Taken 3

Referral to housing resources; job training opportunities; met a student; seeing community come together to help veterans

Quilts of Valor:

Total seen: 13

Action taken 7 applications

Learned a lot about Chimacum history from one veteran; acquired a potential volunteer interested to start a group

Senior Information and Assistance/S.H.I.B.A.

Total seen: 20

Action Taken: 1

Gave info on family caregiver support

Sarge's Veteran Support:

Total Seen 14

Action Taken -

Connected veteran to transportation; connected female veteran to service officer;

Shelley Hutchinson, Mental Health

Total Seen 12

Action Taken 8

Solved problems; memorable events;

St. Vincent DePaul

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 15

Information for help available given to all

VA VetCenters

Total Seen no data

VA-VASH, Employment, Eligibility:

Total Seen 18

Action Taken 14

Assisted multiple veterans with applications to VA Healthcare; accessing various part of VA healthcare system

VA Womens Health

Total Seen 10

Action Taken 10

Solved problems; appreciated being at the event

Veterans Benefits Administration

Total seen: 25

Action taken: 25

VetConnect:

Total Seen 20

Action Taken

Healthcare and Community Care referrals; handed out headlamps with VetConnect cards

Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs-Building 10

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 20

Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs-Other programs-Smoking Cessation, Suicide Prev

Total Seen 40

Action Taken 5 given free nicotine replacement therapy products

Referred veterans to VSO's for disability claims

WorkSource:

Total Seen 12

Action Taken 3

2024 VETERAN SURVEY RESULTS 40 respondents

Question 1 How was your Stand Down experience?

All responses positive from good, great, excellent, pleasant, wonderful, amazing, fantastic; enjoyable

“Thanks for adding the women’s stuff”

Valuable insights and information

So grateful; very joyful; all people were very helpful

Well organized, friendly helpful folks; Wonderful I am in tears

“Amazing. This was my first stand down event. Just being able to connect to other veterans was so comforting to me. The food was wonderful and everyone was very welcoming. I was amazed by the number of vendors.

Question 2 Did you receive the help you were looking for?

All responses positive

“We found out how to save my son’s life”

All I needed and then more

More than enough

Yes I learned about direct help for women’s services and I learned about many other services I was not aware of.

Question 3 Was there something missing? Or is there something we can do better?

This was wonderful. I felt very cared for and feel very supported by the community. As a new veteran adjusting to civilian life has been difficult so knowing there is a supportive community and so many resources is very comforting.

More pet care

Eyecare; reading glasses

Unscented lotion at hygiene center

Alcoholics Anonymous

Multiple Thank Yous

More variety of footwear-tennis shoes