

West End Stand Down

May 4, 2023

After Action Report

*NW Veterans Resource Center

Number of Veterans seen: 12+

Number of Veterans with action taken:

Significant problems solved: Resources given; planning services with local sheriff

Memorable events: delightful vet with stories, great dogs, happy resolutions & Vets served

Suggestions to improve Stand Down: Start @ 9am, not still opening vendor discussion @ 9:10am with Vets waiting

*HUD/VASH

Number of Veterans seen: 12

Number of Veterans with action taken: 12

Significant problems solved: Many questions about community care

Memorable events: literally homeless veterans living in woods and in vehicle receiving outdoor equipment

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Clallam County Veterans Service Officer

Number of Veterans seen: 12

Number of Veterans with action taken: 10

Significant problems solved: yes, but protected info

Memorable events: people liked the food

Suggestions to improve Stand Down: none

*Forks Disaster Relief & Ginger's Closet

Number of Veterans seen: 10

Number of Veterans with action taken: 2

Significant problems solved: was able to answer questions that were asked

Memorable events: being able to thank and help our Vets that helped protect us. To be able to listen to the stories and fond memories.

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Veterans Health Care

Number of Veterans seen: 16

Number of Veterans with action taken: 16

Significant problems solved: Lots of issues with scheduling and Community Care

Memorable events: Spouse telling how the VA has helped them thru the years for her husband's care.

Very heartwarming story.

Suggestions to improve Stand Down: Your group did a great job with the event. Greatly appreciate the opportunity to assist.

*Senior Info & Assistance

Number of Veterans seen: 18
Number of Veterans with action taken:
Significant problems solved:
Memorable events:
Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Employment Services

Number of Veterans seen: 12
Number of Veterans with action taken: 4
Significant problems solved:
Memorable events:
Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Serenity House Housing Resource Center

Number of Veterans seen: 17
Number of Veterans with action taken:
Significant problems solved: none needed or reported
Memorable events: food was delicious, other vendors with useful info! Love being here.
Suggestions to improve Stand Down: maybe 10 to 2-2:30? Difficult to be in Forks by 9am from PA

*Concerned Citizens

Number of Veterans seen: 7 – from 9-12
Number of Veterans with action taken:
Significant problems solved: Yes, communicated with a lot of other resources in sharing information with Vets. Answered a lot of important questions for the Vets.
Memorable events: Getting to know each Vet, hearing stories and communicating and helping them to get resources they need.
Suggestions to improve Stand Down: You guys did a wonderful job! No suggestions =)

*Peninsula Behavioral Health

Number of Veterans seen: 19
Number of Veterans with action taken: 3
Significant problems solved: helped female Vet connect with tiny house resources. Helped Vet identify a resource to get a new service animal trained (brigadoondog.org out of Bellingham). Talked with DSHS mobile unit to advocate for an outpost in Forks.
Memorable events: Pat's cornbread recipe! And his story of the owl who joined him on the naval ship for a few days. Rick and his story about getting burnt and the exceptional service he received from the Dr.s and nurses at Forks Hospital. He loves this community!!
Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*OlyCap & SSVF

Number of Veterans seen: 14
Number of Veterans with action taken:
Significant problems solved:
Memorable events:
Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Friends of Forks Animals

Number of Veterans seen: 23

Number of Veterans with action taken:

Significant problems solved: We are getting Jerry's 8 pound pup get nails trimmed and flea treatment.

Memorable events:

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Forks Hospital

Number of Veterans seen: 11

Number of Veterans with action taken: 3

Significant problems solved: Power of attorney/advanced directive help!! Find information on getting service dog.

Memorable events:

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Sarge's Veteran Support

Number of Veterans seen: 12

Number of Veterans with action taken:

Significant problems solved: talked with several Veterans about strategies to deal with Community Care.

Memorable events: had a very nice chat with a Veteran who talked about his struggles with PTSD and the help he received from the VA and how he developed coping skills.

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*Forks Hospital EMTs

Number of Veterans seen: 2

Number of Veterans with action taken: 2

Significant problems solved:

Memorable events: health screenings

Suggestions to improve Stand Down:

*WorkSource Veteran Employment Services

Number of Veterans seen: 17

Number of Veterans with action taken: 6

Significant problems solved: registered 3 Vets for Intensive Employment Services

Memorable events: Connected with several resource groups and have solid commitments to develop partnerships.

Suggestions to improve Stand Down: