



Helping Homeless Veterans

****ARIZONA STANDDOWN 2010**

FEBRUARY 5-7, 2010

Veterans Memorial Coliseum (1826 W. McDowell; North Exhibit Hall)

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VALLEY VETERANS RECEIVE “HAND-UP” AT 9TH ANNUAL STANDDOWN

Over 30 public and private groups come together starting Friday February 5th for the 9th annual Arizona StandDown which offers a hand up to former members of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Valley who now battle with a life of homelessness.

Over one thousand homeless veterans will be transported to Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Friday morning at various pickup points throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan Area.

Over the three day event, veterans will receive a place to sleep, eat, clean up and get help in a variety of areas including VA Benefits Assistance, Housing Assistance, Substance Abuse Counseling, Legal Aid Assistance as well as employment services. City of Phoenix Municipal Court will be on-site holding live court sessions to help resolve past minor infractions that impede future success.

The Arizona StandDown, a coalition of public and private groups will have representatives on site and Arizona StandDown Coordinator Brad Bridwell will be available to speak to the media and direct you to homeless veterans you will be able to interview.

StandDown is a military term that refers to a brief period of time for a soldier to leave an active combat area, to rest and regain strength before returning to battle. Last year's StandDown experienced a 50% increase in attendance from 501 homeless veterans to 743. The coalition is projecting an additional 33% increase to as many as 1,000 veterans this year.

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