



Stand Down

For Homeless Veterans

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Stand Down for homeless veterans is a very big undertaking and we desperately need funds. In 2008 we served 502 homeless veterans, 3% women. In 2009 we served 743 veterans, 6% women. We are preparing for 1,000 veterans this coming Feb. at the Veterans Coliseum at the Arizona State Fair Grounds. We need contributions, but will list on all our literature the major donors of \$5,000 or more. We transport by vans and buses from all areas of the valley to the fair grounds, where we feed, clothe and house the veterans. We have a VA Medical unit with doctors, dentists, psychologists and nurses. Also we give new underclothes, shoes, and used clothing. We provide showers, haircuts and try to urge many veterans into programs and housing. One of the greatest accomplishments is our court system which is able to clear warrants and issue new drivers licenses. This past Stand Down we cleared \$139,000 worth of warrants by giving community service.

Some of the organizations and government agencies that take part are Phoenix Municipal Courts, Department of Economic Security, Social Security and the Department of Motor Vehicles, The Phoenix Health Care System that runs all the VA hospitals and clinics provides our medical care. In addition many agencies that help the homeless are in attendance. All of these agencies are coordinated by US Vets, Inc. a non-profit agency that runs facilities for homeless veterans.

Any help your friends can give us of any denomination may be sent to US Vets, Inc. 804 E. Jones Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85040. Please have them mark their contributions to US Vets, Inc. and put "AS Stand Down" in the Comment Section on the check.

I am also available to speak at any civic or social engagement or meeting. The subject would be Homeless Veterans and Stand Down.

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Thank you,

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