

Central Ohio Veteran Stand Down

October 15, 2019



Facts:

- Veterans require a wide range of services and information to be successful following their release from the military.
- 30% of our armed services are women.
- A strong Veteran community creates a healthy community for all of citizens.

History of Stand Down

- Started in 1988 in San Diego by a group of Vietnam Veterans.
- The program is designed to bridge many of the physical and psychological barriers between agency social service providers and Veterans.
- It is a model that offers respect, direct service, and camaraderie.
- It is a model that succeeds with through the efforts of volunteers and private donations.

Our Goals

In one day, we provide a wide-array of direct services to Veterans – all at no cost to them!

Our goals are to:

- Increase our outreach to Veterans in Franklin County and the surrounding 10 Ohio Counties.
- Maximize our Guest & Volunteer Experience, and
- Increase our Community Sponsorship and Dynamic Partners

For the Veterans Stand Down, we honor the national mission of Stand Downs by offering services to **Veterans only**. Every year we reach out to our Central Ohio Veterans by offering them a hand up with a promise of food, shelter, clothing, health checkups, legal advice, employment, benefit information, academic opportunities, and much more. **Our volunteer board ensures that 100% of donations serve our Veterans!**

However, there are very real costs in offering Stand Down to our guests. To provide the best services from the Central Ohio to meet the needs of our guests we need your help by giving a cash gift, an in-kind gift, or volunteering. **100% of your donation serves our Veterans. We have no paid staff.**

We believe that every Veteran deserves NEW clothing! Drop off your new packaged clothing by September 20, 2019 at:

Volunteers of America, Veterans and Families First
3443 Agler Road
Columbus, OH 43219

Your cash donations help us to provide:

- Free Lunch and refreshments for Veterans;
- Volunteer refreshments
- Advertising of Stand Down throughout the central Ohio area;
- Guest Care packages;
- Laundry Bags for the Clothing and Home Essentials;
- Grooming Kits;
- Event operational supplies such as pens, paper, copies, name tags, wrist bands, and signs.

Send your donation checks to:

Please make checks out to: **Central Ohio Stand Down**
The address is as follows:

Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down
947 E. Johnstown Road, Suite 225
Gahanna, Ohio 43219

- Fallen Fifteen serves as our Fiduciary.

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Please check out our website: CentralOhioStandDown.org.