

ARIZONA STANDDOWN

Helping Homeless Veterans

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Valley Veterans receive “hand-up” at 10th Annual AZ StandDown 3-day event at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum connecting homeless veterans with services

More than 1,000 homeless and at-risk military veterans are expected to receive temporary haven and assistance during the 2011 Arizona StandDown, a three-day event beginning Friday, February 4th through Sunday, February 6th at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix.

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. The Arizona StandDown seeks to offer a hand up to former members of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Valley who now battle with homelessness and life on the streets. The event’s goal is to increase the community’s awareness of the plight of the homeless American veteran, while bringing a variety of social service providers together to meet with, inform and assist veterans in reintegrating back into our communities through housing and support services. The event includes a robust Municipal and Superior Court System, a full service Motor Vehicle Division office on-site, a Social Security Administration office, myriad services and housing programs, medical and dental clinics, other wellness including acupuncture and massage and will even include a visit from Knight Rider’s K.I.T.T. car supporting homeless veterans.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, February 4th, with a 10 a.m. opening ceremony featuring Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, City of Phoenix Councilmembers Johnson, Nowakowski, Mattox and Neely, AZ Department Directors Col. Strickland, Traylor and Young, VA Directors Perez and Dougherty and HUD Regional Director Flanagan.

- Who:** As many as 1,000 homeless and at-risk military veterans are expected during the 3-day event. Opening Ceremony featuring dignitaries and Closing Ceremony featuring homeless veteran Open ‘Mic’ to share successes.
- What:** 2011 Arizona StandDown, a 3-day event benefitting homeless and at-risk military veterans.
- Where:** Veterans Memorial Coliseum – 1826 W. McDowell Road in Phoenix – North Exhibit Hall. Enter 17th Ave off McDowell Road, park North of the Coliseum and enter through the down staircase.
- When:** Opening ceremony is Friday, February 4th at 10 a.m. The 2011 AZ StandDown 3-day event runs February 4 – 6, 2011. Closing Ceremony is Sunday, February 6 at 10 am.
- Why:** To provide rest and recuperation for homeless veterans and connect them with housing and services to regain independence.

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