

# 2023 Port Townsend Stand Down - After Action Report

Total Registered	85
Female Veterans	7
Homeless veterans	7
Homeless Female Veterans	0
Family Members	3
Non-Veterans	1
<b>Service Providers</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>40</b>

## **Barber: Debi Hinton**

Cut hair for 14

## **Bayside Housing**

Total Seen 15-20

Action Taken 6

Several referrals to behavioral health assessment @ DBH or PBH to get someone assessed first for mental health needs before determining a housing plan; a discussion with XX about his active choices to be self sufficient rather than choosing to receive housing (“roof over your head”) Reinforces my belief that we need to provide housing and services for those who want it and not force it on others who may have other plans right now.

Send out the date for next year please, so I can get it on our calenders now

## **Clallam County Veterans Service Officer-NW Veterans Resource Center**

Total Seen 10

Action Taken 8

Filed PACT Act claims x4; Got to pet some dogs 😊

You did great!

## **COAST/OlyCAP Shelter**

Total Seen 0

Action Taken 0

Lots of networking; great Stand Down

## **Community United Methodist Church-Free Store**

Total Seen 21

Action Taken 12

Gave out clothes, shoes and boots as requested

## **Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5:**

Total Seen 12

Action Taken 12

Solved problems; good stories; no suggestions

**Dental Screening: John Barrett, DDS**

Total Seen 9  
Action Taken 5 referrals

Vet’s personal stories and struggles were humbling  
Suggestion: Lists of County dentists and dentists specializing in dentures and bridges

**Dove House Advocacy Services:**

Total Seen 40  
Action Taken 2

Addressed alleged elder abuse; landlord-tenant harassment;  
Person shared they had received services years ago and now doing well in life.

**Department of Social and Health Services:**

Total Seen no data

**Hadlock Veterinary Clinic: Dr. Rachel Wiesen & Shaina Johnson**

Total Seen 21  
Action Taken 12+

Lovely conversations and helpful information given to all 21; ingrown toenails clipped on dog; clipped toenails; gave advice; attended to flea and skin issues; Hearing how they first got their animals is always wonderful

**Jefferson County Veterans Assistance:**

Total seen: 16  
Action taken: 5

Met new veterans who haven’t heard about our program yet; great networking event

**Jefferson County Library-Digital Navigator Program**

Total Seen no data

**Jefferson Fire & Rescue-Health Screening**

Total Seen 14  
Action Taken 14

Blood sugar screenings  
Screening for full set of vitals

**Jefferson Healthcare:**

Total seen: 17  
Action Taken: 4

Helped a veteran know that there was an approved referral for our organization

**Jefferson Transit:**

Total Seen 22  
Action Taken 15

Answered many questions about routes, fares and services; lots of friendly visitors and nice conversations

**Narcotics Anonymous:**

Total seen 4

Action taken

Suggest better advertisement; different day (weekend) for better attendance; Sign board on what services are available and where located.

**Olympic Community Action Programs:**

Total Seen 11

Action Taken 5

LIHEAP utility assistance

Veterans housing/rental assistance explained

**OPHS Olympic Peninsula Health Services & Believe in Recovery**

Total Seen 5

Action Taken 1

**Pro Bono Lawyers of Clallam and Jefferson counties:**

Total Seen 15

Action Taken 3

**Quilts of Valor:**

Total seen: 14

Action taken 20

**Senior Information and Assistance/S.H.I.B.A.**

Total seen: 29

Action Taken: 29

**Sarge's Place:**

Total Seen 12

Action Taken 2

Lots of questions about VA healthcare and service connection; referred them to appropriate Service providers; good connections with other providers

**St. Vincent DePaul**

Total Seen no data

**VA VetCenters**

Total Seen no data

**VA-VASH, Employment, Eligibility:**

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 12

4 applications for Healthcare; great job; vendors were all wonderful

Veteran recently moved into housing and needing help with electricity, was able to complete LIHEAP application today.  
Veteran who had previously used multiple service through several agencies and programs, came in and reports he is doing well. Has stable housing, approved for service connection and working.

**Veterans Benefits Administration-PACT Act**

Total seen: 25  
Action taken: 25  
Submitted 25 PACT act claims

**VetConnect:**

Total Seen 40  
Action Taken

Helped veteran connect with healthcare and other services; helped veteran with housing; helped veteran connect with dental services; information provided to all seen; gave out about 25 head lamps

Veteran who previously was homeless and had many difficulties and utilized many local services returned to tell us that he was now sober for 4 years, housed and employed; he feared he had burned bridges, but he was assured he had not, and that everyone would be happy to see him and to hear of his progress. He said “I came out the other side”

A veteran was reunited today at this event with a buddy from boot camp that he had not seen in 32 years.

**Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs-Building 10**

Total Seen 25  
Action Taken 20

**WorkSource:**

Total Seen 8  
Action Taken 4

Connected with 3 vets that were able to enroll into intensive employment services.  
Connected vet with OlyCAP-veteran now has housing resources enabling him to remain in this community and to continue his goal of veteran service.  
Great Job! Worked perfect.

**Clothing Room: Total Served 46**  
**Veterans: 46**  
  
**Males: 43**  
**Female: 3**  
Single: 27  
Married: 10  
Homeless: 7

**Outdoor Equipment Trailer: No data**

**VETERAN SURVEY RESULTS** 18 respondents

**Question 1 How was your Stand Down experience?**

Far better than expected  
Very Helpful  
Excellent!  
Wonderful Kind, Funny 😊  
Perfect!!  
Great!  
Excellent  
Very nice with pleasant people to help with my questions  
Excellent  
Excellent  
Great  
Good  
Great!!  
Great!!!  
Great  
Thumbs up  
Great!!  
Good

**Question 2 Did you receive the help you were looking for?**

More than I hoped. I got everything I wanted plus some.  
Yes, most especially Carmel with VA PACT Act  
Yes, met Clallam County resource officer Chris & he submitted a claim for me  
Yes, in part  
Yes!!! Immense thanks to the veterinarian services as well !!!!  
Yes!  
Yes  
Most of it  
Yes-DAV, Legion, Quilts, Store, Lunch  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes

**Question 3 Was there something missing? Or is there something we can do better?**

Nothing missing. I cannot think of anything better!  
Have peanut butter for us vegetarians. Thank you! H  
I'm all set. Thank you! David  
VHA (Veteran Healthcare Hospital)  
No, No. Thank you All!!!  
I got breakfast and lunch! What could be better?  
No, Great! Visit  
Everything was nice  
No, very rewarding  
Not at this time  
You did great,  
All was good. I can't think of anything.  
No  
No  
Don't think so  
U Guys are Great 😊  
No