

2015 Port Angeles Stand Down After Action:

Total seen	321
Veterans	319
Female Veterans	60
Homeless veterans	30
Non Veterans	2

Assured Hospice:

Total Seen	36
Action Taken	5

Love all the stories by all the older vets, they have so many memories.

Art's Barber Shop:

Provided 32 veterans with outstanding hair cuts.

Breast, cervical, colon health programs at VIMO.

Total Seen	59
Action Taken	

No significant problems solved. Just encouragement to follow through with needed health care services and positive reinforcement for good self-care.

Every year I am inspired by the fortitude of the human spirit and I listen to the stories about people's health and lives.

I was able to let a number of people know about the VIMO free clinic in Port Angeles. People with a lower income and no insurance can receive free medical care there. People who do have insurance but do not have a medical provider at the time can be seen at VIMO until they find a provider.

Clallam County Transit:

Total Seen	60
Action Taken	50

Veterans were grateful for the bus service and its convenience.
Keep up the great work!!

Concerned Citizens:

Total Seen	40
Action Taken	14

Jobs information.

DAV

Total Seen	43
Action Taken	

Made many appointments to meet at the office to deal with problems and paperwork I was unable to deal with at the stand down. I was able to obtain an almost new lift chair for a WWII veteran who can't get out of his chair..free of charge!

Huge numbers wanting to file for some kind of benefit or claim. Several widows asking about death benefits.

The Coast Guard was wonderful, great job

Dental Screening:

Total Seen 32

Action Taken 28

Referrals for dentures. Patients will get hygiene from VIMO Clinic.

Vets that never new about our services, never used vet services before. So delited to have found the stand down.

DSHS Mobile Service Van

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 13

Customers and partners were all great.

Thank you for inviting the Mobile CSO to partner with you at this event again. It is one our favorite events.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve:

Total Seen 12

Action Taken 0

Helped other veterans' find access and/or solutions.

Very good variety of benefit providers glad to see USDA (home loans).

Forks Abuse Program (crime victims advocate)

Total Seen 51

Action Taken 3

Mostly dealt with identity theft issues.

I enjoy hearing the stories associated with the P38 can openers, I always give them away.

Health Screenings:

Total Seen 61

Medical staff participating in the October 2015 PA Stand Down.

Dr. Pat Tracy – Quilcene, Dr. Wayne Matheny – Snohomish County , Dr. Ed Hopfner , Ann Johnson, RN, Kelly McKillip, RN, Phyllis Hopfner RN, Liz Tomisato, Coast Guard medic, Kathy Steincamp, LPN, Wendy Worth, RN and one active Coastie medic whose name I did not get. The majority are retired and we were most most grateful for their help.

A rewarding day medically speaking. The vaccinations drew a large number of veterans, many of whom had a number of other concerns. Space limitations made organization and distribution of medical care somewhat hectic.

We did see several vets with significant hypertension and directed them back to their providers (some in VA care) for fairly urgent follow-up.

Other vets were taken directly to service providers present to get the services they needed or to get them enrolled.

Some confusion and access difficulties (not all due to the VA ‘systems’) remain especially for older vets. A couple of complex issues were directed for immediate care to VIMO clinic while starting the enrollment process. – some verbal outlines of the cases might be interesting to illustrate the complexity of the issues faced by older vets.

Thanks to Voices for Veterans for allowing us to participate in this effort.

People logged in	61	40 some vets had VA health care services
Vaccinations given	56	
Reading glasses	16	

Other services – Blood Pressure, blood sugars, body mass index, foot care, written prescriptions, hearing evaluations, wound care and dressing supplies given, distant vision checked and many with questions and/or consults’.

Lotus Rose Massage:

Total Served	26
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Thank you so much for having me! I want to be back next year.

MyHealthVet:

Total Seen	30+
Action Taken	8

Same issues - Reset passwords for vets, demo on new features. It was nice to see some “old faces” from previous meetings and at other stand downs. I’m always glad to hear stories about the program and how it works for our veterans.

New Leash on Life:

Total Seen	52
Action Taken	52

3 vets signed up for training classes.
Gave out 400+lbs of dog food and 80+lbs of cat food.
Everything we had was given out.

NW Veterans Resource Center:

Total Seen	84
Action Taken	35

Helped homeless veterans access outdoor equipment.
Assisted numerous veterans with ordering DD-214’s.
Directed veterans to financial resources.

Olympic Community Action Programs (OLYCAP):

Total Seen	40
Action Taken	13

Assisted veterans with energy assistance.

Peninsula College:

Total Seen 45
Action Taken 22

Assisted veteran with VA appointed Dr. SRT appointment and notified no legal action should be taken, just needed to reach out to local resources.

Former mentor who lost his way and ended up incarcerated came in with his brother who is also a veteran and asked for help. After reconnecting he requested to reestablish mentorship. He also has an interest in college and looking for a career.

Peninsula Community Behavioral Health:

Total Seen 8
Action Taken 3 follow ups for help

Saw 2 veterans in the parking lot that were not comfortable coming into the stand down.

ProBono Lawyers of Clallam and Jefferson Counties:

Total Seen 21
Action Taken 21

3 clients given referrals to have wills drafted.

Assisted client with finding our status of SS benefits-follow up appointment made to assist with appeal.

Red Cross:

Total Seen 350
Action Taken 350

Handed out 350 first aid kits and survival hygiene kits.

Veteran telling his current life narrative through his time with his service dog.

We reaffirmed actions to be taken in case of disasters.

Everything went great. Keep up the good work.

Salvation Army:

Total Seen
Action Taken

Sarge's Place:

Total Seen 44
Action Taken 5

Worked with a woman who we connected with the Housing Authority and DSHS.

Made arrangements with a couple who may be able to move into Sarge's Place next week.

Connected a veteran with mental health, he has severe paranoia and has refused mental health in the past stand downs. This was a huge breakthrough.

Will perform outreach to an agoraphobic veteran in Port Angeles next week. A friend referred him and is worried about him

Outreaching to 2nd veteran @ Spark-it next week.

Serenity House:

Total Seen 16

Action Taken 8

Met quite a few veterans in need and showed them where to get assistance.

S.H.E.B.A.:

Total seen 33

Action Taken 33

Reminded several members of Medicare Part D open enrollment for 2016.

Explained what resources are available for dental and legal.

USDA Rural Development

Total Seen 40

Action Taken 20

Several veterans plan to contact us for further information. We provided many veterans with information.

VA Healthcare Sign-UP:

Total Seen 19

Action Taken 18

VA Homeless Veteran Outreach (Benefits):

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 20

Provided program information, referrals and screenings.

VA Minority Veterans Services:

Total Seen 24

Action Taken 24

We were able to enroll veterans, put in inquiry on bills from the VA.

Great day – able to answer questions. Help a female vet with getting her back to health care she needed.

Vet Connect:

Total Seen 30

Action Taken 30

All visitors to the table received information about Vet Connect and were directed to services.

Gave out phone cards.

One veteran in particular needed assistance for medical benefits for his left knee. He had applied at a stand down in 2010 with the American Legion. He was denied benefits and couldn't remember why. I walked him through several booths. The Department of Veterans Affairs homeless outreach looked up his records. Then I took him to meet a former service officer at the Northwest Veterans Resource Center so that he would have a local connection to accessing benefits. As a result the veteran will meet with an active service officer at the Northwest Veterans Resource Center on Monday. Homeless Outreach has sent an application for medical benefits; the vet will receive the information in the mail. He was reminded that he must keep these appointments and keep track of

what he receives in the mail. He can bring all his letters and paperwork to the Northwest Veterans Recourse Center for help in completing his paperwork.

Assisted a Viet Nam veteran that needed information and assistance concerning Agent Orange.

Thank you for always reminding us to keep the warm and giving tone and temperament present in this event. Thank you and Voices for Veterans for your commitment to the mission to care for those who have served and their families. I look forward to continuing to participate in the mission along with all of you.”

WorkSource

Total Seen 37

Action Taken 13

I had been working with a couple of people who came and got everything fixed with wrap around services.

Excellent event! I kinda like the new venue-especially the “Stars and Stripes Café”

Many thanks for the Coast Guard.

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

Total Seen 50

Action Taken 10

Handled concerns about health care changes, housing, homeless resources, education/GI Bill.

Really enjoyed seeing so many service dogs as well as couples (husbands and wives) that are both veterans.

Clothing Room:

Served 187

135 veterans

11 female veterans

26 dependents of veterans

13 children

2 non-veterans

15 homeless veterans

2 in RV's

4 in the woods

4 in tents

1 in a truck

1 in a jeep

1 at Sarge's Place

1 at Evergreen Family Village

The Coast Guard was wonderful. They shook hands with each veteran and said “I am your shopping buddy. What branch of the service were you in Sir”. It put the veterans at ease.

Sequim Valley Lions:

Total Seen	64
Action Taken	16

Many referrals to VA services-glasses, etc. Vet Connect.

“I just stopped by to thank the Sequim Valley Lions for the glasses I’m wearing”.

Outdoor Equipment Trailer:

It was a great day. Weather outstanding. The Coast Guard was help was beyond belief.

I had Twenty one (21) veterans or immediate family members who came in need of outdoor equipment.

17 were males and 4 were females. I had to make trip to acquire more outdoor equipment.

Towards the end of the day I ran out of many items.

Meals: There were approximately 700 OUTSTANDING meals served.

A special thanks goes out to the US Coast Guard personnel stationed at US Coast Guard Station Ediz Hook who participated in the stand down. Their help was invaluable and greatly appreciated.