

2015 Port Townsend After Action:

Total seen 163
Veterans 163 33 of which were female
Homeless veterans 25 of which 7 were female

Acupuncturist:

Total Seen 8
Action Taken 8
Neck, Shoulder, upper and lower back pain, macular degeneration, migraines

American Legion:

Total Seen 30
Action taken 30
DD214 and Health forms, lots of advice to solve problems. Many memorable stories.
The event is perfect.

Assured Hospice:

Total seen 15
Action taken 5
No real problems, just getting the word out. It was a thrill to hear the many great stories from the veterans. It was a lovely event.

Community Outreach Assn. Shelter Team (C.O.A.S.T.):

Total Seen 20+
Action Taken 2
Wonderful to se formerly homeless veteran we have served in the shelter who are now in permanent housing. Great that Peninsula Hearing came to do free hearing screening and hope they come back! Thank you all for organizing this for Jefferson County.

Community Based Outreach Clinic Port Angeles (CBOC):

Total Seen 35
Action Taken 23
Answered several access to care questions, questions about dental coverage and questions about "Choice".
There were several very nice comments regarding our clinic which I will pass along to our clinic.

Dental Screening:

Total Seen 31
Action Taken 22
Provided dental education.
Made appointments for Dr. Barrett's office in Port Hadlock.
Patient found out about the stand down by calling the VIMO dental. This was their first stand down. He's been a vet for over 10 years He brought his wife. She received care too.
You're doing G-R-E-A-T!!

Disabled American Veterans DAV:

Total Seen 15
Action Taken 5
Applications started-appointments made for future work. Reconnected with a Viet Nam vet I helped 20 years ago and lost contact with until today.

Dove House:

Total Seen 45
Action Taken 4

We make a couple of referrals for crime victims of identity theft and domestic violence. Heard stories from victims of crime past and present including burglary, domestic violence and identity theft. Was able to listen and validate their experiences. As well as make referrals so they will come in to get one-on-one advocacy. Many people said they would share our info with others in their life.

If there is a private room, a Dove House advocate can do crisis intervention if the need arises. In a public space we recommend coming into our office at later time because of confidentiality.

DSHS (Division of Child Support):

Total Seen 12-15
Action Taken ?

Many referrals to Mobile CSO and legal.

No suggestions- excellent event. Well-organized, good mix of resources. Thanks.

DSHS (Mobile Unit):

Total Seen 12
Action Taken 11

5 EBT cards, 2 registrations, and 3 re-starts.

Enjoyable day here in Port Townsend working with veteran's and those in need.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR):

Total Seen 10
Action Taken 4

Convincing veterans that they were eligible for many benefits.

Really appreciate more room to walk around and visit service providers and veterans.

Food Bank:

Total Seen 50+
Action Taken 50+

Gave info about food banks to people who need and don't know about Food Banks.

Thank you for inviting Jefferson County Food Banks to participate!

Foot Care:

Total Seen 13
Action Taken 13

Several folks with corns or calluses-removes. Supportive pads dispensed. Thick nails thinned, recommended treatment for thick nails.

I let several Jefferson County folks know about local clinics and that we provide service on a sliding fee schedule. Recommended one woman with chronic ingrown edefs to see a podiatrist and have edefs removed.

Medical Services:

Dr's Pat Tracy and Ed Hopfner, RN's Kelly McKillip and Phyllis Hopfner.

The medical staff saw 28 patients – all had some action taken.

Blood pressures, blood sugars, distant vision checks, reading glasses given.

BMI/weight discussions, knee brace given, consults/medical problems/concerns discussed, vaccines given (pneumococcal, MMR and Tdap).

Patients that were connected for VA care – 10

Not eligible for VA care – 1

TriCare for life – 1

A number of usual give aways handed out... hydrocortisone and reading glasses always popular.

Saw several service providers/volunteers with medical concerns.

One patient said we needed better organization, as she felt a bit lost.

An enjoyable day medically speaking with a wide variety of medical issues.

One patient referred to VA dermatology for probable early skin cancer of the face.

One patient advised regarding further possible treatment for chronic post hip replacement pain (back to VA anesthesia department).

One elderly (age 77!!) retired Air force vet currently being treated for recurrent metastatic kidney cancer and just recovering from resection of tumor from his spine with grafts and rods places, who was in the process of fainting/shock. Treated successfully with fluids and the sofa. Checked blood pressure and sugar.

One patient on Coumadin with hypertension in process of developing heart failure started on Tx and referred to local free clinics for follow up if unable to get a quick appointment for VA eval - sees M in Bremerton once a year.

Also saw several with moderate hypertension, a gynecological issue and one with Burning Mouth syndrome – new to both Dr. Pat and I which he Googled on his phone.

While no treatment, suggested Oil of Cloves to numb the mouth before eating.

One vet turned out to be an unknown shirttail relation to Phyllis. And Dr. Pat saw a vet that had been taught how to drive by Pat's uncle on his 80 acre farm in Randle, WA.

(small world – small town)

Listening Healing:

Total Seen 6

Action Taken 2

PTSD identified, education on stress relief. Gave hope to a vet with PTSD.

Message Therapy:

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 20

Had some good muscle release. Was able to educate people about message therapy.

New Leash on Life:

Total Seen 32

Action Taken 3

Helping and meeting new people was great. Supplies were handed out to pet owners.

Over 20 bags of dog food and treats were given. Toys, dog sweaters, flea, tick and dewormer meds were distributed out. Consider bird food.

1 service dog application taken.

Had a good interaction with the veterans from Whidbey Island that are starting their own stand down.

Recommend having a pet adoption at the stand down in Port Angeles.

NW Veterans Resource Center:

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 25

Ordered DD-214's and assisted with pay issues. Put helping a veteran on the path for obtaining individual un-employability. Assisted a vet with money issues and was in need of Jefferson County relief Fund got him taken care of with a referral. It was a great event.

Peninsula Behavior Health:

Total Seen 7

Action Taken 2

Providing emotional and resource support towards tow veterans agreeing to seek counseling/mental health services. Continue the good work!!

Peninsula Hearing:

Total Seen 21

Action Taken 21

21 hearing screenings. The closet space worked well, it is as quiet as it could be for our tests. I'm so glad to be able help our vets! We are set up as veterans choice providers so our vets can get care in Port Townsend or Poulsbo instead of at the VA in Tacoma or Seattle.

Clallam and Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers and Northwest Justice Project:

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 20

Several clients with drivers license issues

*Advised how to reinstate and or advised that license is already valid.

*Obtained legal representation for several clients facing discharge issues and or evecton issues.

*Advised a client on negotiate with child support enforcement to release license in exchange tor monthly payment.

*Client served with a 30 day pay or vacate needed legal rep for extension, referred to Steve Robins At Northwest Justice Project in Port Angeles.

*Client was not driving due to old traffic ticket, thought he had a warrant, Attorney checked with Washington State web site and advised the client that his driver's license was valid.

Red Cross:

Total Seen 50

Action Taken 50

Reaffirmed actions to be taken in case of disasters. Great group showed a lot of interest in what the Red Cross can do in emergencies. Everything went great. Keep up the good work.

Sarge's Place:

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 3

HUD/VASH recipient was offered housing at Sarge's Place and will likely move in at the end of the week.

Referred widow to John Joseph (DAV) and he was able to clearly tell her options and a route to aid with a DAV service officer in Seattle.

3 vets of Sarge's Place got aid for driver's license issues.

Serenity House:

Total Seen 15

Action Taken 6

Assured several in crisis that there is assistance available.

I have worked with a homeless veteran along with Olivia Reiber and Mike McEvoy for several months now. Recently he was permanently housed with a VASH voucher. He took this opportunity to clean his look, cut his hair, trim his beard and begin to seriously look for work. It's been great to be a part of the transformation from homeless to housed and more.

Senior Information and Assistance:

Total Seen 17
Action Taken ?

VA Eligibility and Enrollment:

Total Seen 25
Action Taken 23

From what I saw there isn't much that needs improving at the event, great job.

VA Homeless Veteran Outreach:

Total Seen 21
Action Taken 4

VA VASH Housing:

Total Seen 10
Action Taken 8

Screened and referred 3 households for VASH housing.
Referrals for housing for homeless vets, including homeless family

Vet Connect:

Total Seen 20
Action Taken All

All 20 directed to services needed and escorted to service tables.

Issued 2 phone cards.

Volunteer drove a veteran into town to obtain a ID card.

Volunteer accompanied a veteran a wheelchair to all services.

Was able to escort disabled vets through the process of meeting needs such as acquiring clothing and camping gear.

Volunteer arranged to take survivor spouse of a veteran to Quilcene for DAV meeting.

Barber Shop:

Total Seen 48
Action Taken 48

WorkSource

Total Seen 23
Action Taken 5

One vet – a real transformation from on the street to Serenity House shelter, then to getting his won home with a VASH voucher. Today he got his hair cut and beard trimmed and I almost didn't recognize him. He is standing straighter and smiling more and is now ready to join the "working wounded".

Much better set up and as usual the chow was great...

Clothing Room:

87 people
60 Veterans
22 Dependents
9 Homeless
4 living in tent
3 living in trailer
1 living in a barn
1 living in shelter

I think it was a great stand down. There was a lot of positive feedback. The only complaints were that we had no 3xxx and 4xxx clothes. Diapers were a hit; we still have enough for Port Angeles.

Thank you John for all your hard work that you put in.

Outdoor Survival Equipment Trailer:

There were 18 vets who needed out door equipment.

16 male and two female.

The distribution of outdoor equipment was completed by noon.

We have three vets who need equipment, which will be provided to them in the very near future.

This is the highest number of vets we help since I have started.

Clothing Room:

Veterans	75
Dependents	23
Non-Vets	0
Total	98
Homeless	16
Motor Home	4
RV/trailer	3
OlyCap Cabin	1
Woods	2
Car/truck	3
Couch surfing	1
Shelter	1
Sailboat	1
Suggested needs	
2x T shirts and skivvies	
Denture tablets	

I think this was one of the best stand-downs in Port Townsend that we have done.

Meals Served: 400+

Both meals were excellently prepared, very tasty with generous portions that were served hot and attractive. We cannot praise Cindy from the Valley Tavern for all her hard work and dedication to our cause.

Additional thank you to the QFC grocery store in Port Townsend for the generous donation of baked goods served at both meals and were available through out the day.