**2016 Port Angeles Stand Down After Action:**

Total seen 384

Veterans 360

Female Veterans 56

Homeless veterans 43

Dependents 22

Non Veterans 2

**Assured Hospice:**

Total Seen 50

Action Taken 3

Referrals, arrangements for services were made. Potential volunteers were found.

Enjoyed meeting and learning about the other service providers.

**Barber Shop:**

Provided 60 veterans with outstanding haircuts.

It was amazing to see the transformation of the veterans before and after their haircut

**Breast, cervical, colon health programs at VIMO.**

Total Seen 40

Action Taken 1 (woman who had no insurance)

There is one woman who qualifies for my program, and she and her husband have assured me that she would call to receive these free services. This is the second year that one of the male vets has talked to me about his breast cancer. He is very open about his experience, and is an advocate for men understanding that they possibly can develop breast cancer (and to see a doctor if they find anything unusual).

This was another great stand down-I really enjoy being here, lots of good connections.

Maybe consider having the hours 9-2 instead of 9-3?

**Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC)**

Total Seen: 77

Action Taken: 16

**Clallam County Transit:**

Total Seen 40

Action Taken 4

Helped family of 6 to get from fairgrounds back to Forks.

Helped new to the area family read the bus schedule.

Very helpful and attentive American Legion volunteer named Bob kept me company and brought me coffee and food. The people were all great here! So glad I was able to be a part of this day.

Very impressive transformation of a Vet before and after a haircut.

**DAV**

Total Seen 43

Action Taken 43

For a few Vets we were able to identify specific claim situations and let them know the next steps to do to establish their claim.

One Vet was amazed that after 20 years from getting out of the military service, that he is entitled to benefits. So many Vets have no idea what they qualify for as a Vet.

The Coast Guard was wonderful, great job!!

**Dental Screening:**

Total Seen 43

Action Taken 30

Referred patient for immediate care. Referred many others to clinic for care.

Lots of wonderful stories from veterans learning about their life, what their needs are so we can help them.

It starts winding down about 2. I know that we want to help as many as possible but maybe 2:30 would be good for starting to pack up.

**DSHS Mobile Service Van**

Total Seen 27

Action Taken 2

Explained debt disclosure.

Adult abuse case referred to the appropriate agency.

**Health Screenings:**

Patients checked in 57 34 of those had VA health care, 13 said no VA health care and 10 did not answer the question although I personally knew several and they have VA health care.

-Vaccinations given 48 42 flu, 3 pneumovax, and 3 Tdap.

-Medical staff participating in the October 2016 PA Stand Down:

Dr. Pat Tracy-Quilcene, Dr. Ed Hopfner, Kelly McKillip, RN, Phyllis Hopfner, RN, Liz Tomisato, Retired USCG medic, Kelly Steincamp, LPN, Wendy Worth, RN, and Kit one of her employees, and Corrine, a nursing student at Peninsula College with her instructor Maureen Kelly, BS, MS.

-While very busy in our medical corner because of the flu vaccine, Dr. Pat Tracy wound up seeing/consulting the majority of patients and I am not privy to his encounters. Preparing and administering vaccinations kept two nurses and myself fully occupied for most of the morning. Surprisingly, we immunized several vets with pneumonia and Tdap (tetanus) shots as well as giving approximately 42 flu shots. Both came with paperwork for reporting to the state health board.

-While the majorities were there for a flu shop, there were several more serious. One diabetic patient was encouraged to keep his appointment with his personal provider about concerns over a new foot infection. Another vet appeared to have significant hypertension and another needed an x-ray of her hip and both were referred to a free clinic for prompt evaluation.

-Interestingly, one vet volunteer came by after 3pm with concerns over an injured foot and after evaluation was provided with a compression brace.

-Another vet with a road abrasion was encouraged to check with the VA (on site) regarding when he last had a Tetanus shot.

-Lastly, one vet was found to have a newly ruptured tendon in his forearm and was referred for surgical evaluation within the next 24 hours to the VA hospital ER in Seattle.

-Other services – blood pressures, blood sugars, bldy mass index, foot care, distant vision checked and reading glasses given, even to some of the Lions patients as they didn’t have all sizes.

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

**Housing:**

**HUD-VASH:**

Total Seen: 6

Family living in a van may be able to get into housing.

**Serenity House:**

Total Seen: 21

Action Taken: 21

Arranged to get veteran large supplies delivered to SQ(?), coordinated for several people to get immediate shelter.

**Peninsula Housing Authority:**

Total Seen: 16

Action Taken: 10

Helped with security deposit assistance.

**Sarge’s Place:**

Total Seen: 25

Action Taken: 11

Screened potential referrals.

Connected people with CBOC.

Screened homeless veterans for outdoor gear.

**Sequim Valley Lions Club:**

Total Served: 79

Action Taken: 10

Gave out 22 pair of reader glasses.

Gave out 17 pair of sunglasses.

Arranged for 7 eye exams for Rx glasses.

A teenager stopped by to thank Lions for providing her with her first pair glasses.

**Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Employment Services:**

Total Seen: 20

Action Taken: 12

**Massage Therapy:**

Total Served 50

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

**MyHealth*E*Vet:**

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 10

Registered 4. Reset 3 passwords.

A new registered user was able to go online and view his notes from VA!

**New Leash on Life:**

Total Seen 43

Action Taken 43

3 vets signed up for service dog training classes.

Gave out 400+lbs of dog food and 80+lbs of cat food.

Everything we had was given out.

**NAMI:**

Total Seen: 17

Action Taken: 3

New classes to teach Vet Corps re: Homefirst. They will then become teachers and spread the knowledge.

So many vets say they have no family support “no one in my family understands”, wish we had this years ago”.

A veteran mother with her children says “no one in her family seems to want to understand PTSD”, they just ignore it. She feels ignored and think they are afraid of her.

Possible violence..

**NW Veterans Resource Center:**

Total Seen 62

Action Taken 46

Helped a veteran and his family of four to connect with resources to help to get their car repaired that broke down on the way to the stand down.

Informed about a veteran who was going to be evicted due to not having his grass cut. Will follow up to insure that the right thing happens.

**Olympic Community Action Programs (OLYCAP):**

Total Seen 33

Action Taken 24

Assisted veterans with energy assistance.

We saw more veterans that in past stand downs.

**Peninsula College:**

Total Seen 35

Action Taken 25

Multiple financial issues solved.

Reconnecting with a veteran and finding monetary resources to continue his education.

**Peninsula Community Behavioral Health:**

Total Seen 14

Action Taken 6 follow ups for help

Increasingly veterans are meeting me in the parking lot prior to the stand down to ask questions and get information, which I see as a real positive. Many of these might not stop at the table due to stigma of other issues.

Please continue doing the wonderful job putting on these events.

**Physical Therapy:**

Total Seen: 60

Action Taken: 15

Made people aware of physical therapy services at the CBOC.

**ParaTransit:**

Total Seen: 14

Action Seen: 3

Provided information to contact call-center to confirm Medicaid eligibility for veterans and family. Veterans had a service card#, which is what we require to validate Medicaid eligibility.

Veteran from Sequim shared a lot of info in regard to a meeting of other vets that had similar stories about Medicaid, VA benefits, prior service history and current status.

There were many that came to gather info to share of family that “could be” eligible.

Referred several vets and family members to veteran resource, and DSHS.

Can we come up with a program to assist payment for mechanical repairs.

**ProBono Lawyers of Clallam and Jefferson Counties:**

Total Seen 25

Action Taken

**Red Cross:**

Total Seen 128

Action Taken 128

Handed out survival hygiene kits.

Everything went great. Keep up the good work.

**VA Healthcare Sign-UP:**

Total Seen 26

Action Taken 20

**VA Homeless Veteran Outreach (Benefits)**:

Total Seen 20

Action Taken 20

Shelter, DD-214 requests, referrals to VA and community resources, screenings for housing programs.

Homeless veteran screened for opening at Sarge’s Place.

**Vet Connect:**

Total Seen 53

Action Taken 53

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

Gave out 3 phone cards.

Helped 2 homeless vets from Jefferson County who we had seen yesterday at VFW Port Hadlock and VHA.

**VFW-FRA:**

Total Seen 62

Action Taken 38.

Homeless vets claims started and gear directed to services needed

**WorkSource**

Total Seen 53

Action Taken 17

I really liked the opening having food down at the Stars and Striped Café and opening up the building, better lighting also. I saw a record number of veterans at my table this year.

Many thanks for the Coast Guard.

**Clothing Room:**

Served 232

156 veterans

39 dependents of veterans

37 children

27 homeless veterans

10 in trailer or van

6 in the woods

4 in tents

5 Couch Surfing

2 on the streets

1 at Sarge’s Place

3 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.

**Outdoor Equipment Trailer:**

We had 17 vets apply for outdoor equipment.

One was living in a apartment but thought he would be homeless in the near future.

This vet was given the information how to obtain outdoor equipment if he required it.

One vet was a couple for a total of 18 people who came for outdoor equipment.

All vets were provided with what they needed.

Weather was good with just a few light showers in the afternoon.

**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.

An elderly vet arrived on crutches and nearly fell.  He was immediately put into a wheel chair to maneuver himself around the venue at will and I was asked to keep an eye on him and keep him safe.

Several hours later as he was leaving on his crutches he stopped to thank me for assisting him.  It was obvious he did not have the strength to go a few feet.  I put him back in the wheel chair with his approval and pushed him up the hill to his truck.  Another volunteer offered to return the chair back to the venue.  As I turned around a U.S. Coast Guard officer pulled up in a motorized golf cart and offered me a ride back to the venue.

The hand that keeps giving.  VOICES for VETERANS.   Another feel good moment!