

2018 Port Angeles Stand Down After Action:

Total seen	294
Veterans	286
Female Veterans	29
Homeless veterans	38
Homeless female Veterans	5
Dependents	12
Homeless Non Veterans	5
Volunteers/Service Providers	123

Assured Hospice:

Total Seen	22
Action Taken	2

No “problems” but we gave away many items, shared hospice information and made connections.

“Hospice took care of my Mom, they were absolutely wonderful”.

We got a new veteran volunteer to help to serve our veteran patients. Ya!

Barber Shop:

Linda and Tia: 22

Linda cut 14 head of hair and,

Teia cut 8 head of hair

Barber needs: Larger table, Power strip better lighting and a broom and dust pan.

Breast, cervical, colon health programs at VIMO.

Total Seen	35+
Action Taken	1

I found one woman who needs breast, cervical and Colon health screenings. I asked her for her name and phone number and and gave her my flyer so that she can call me to schedule an appointment for all three of those services. If she does not contact me, I’ll call her. Her husband, a vet sounded like he would encourage her to get this help.

I had a lot of good entertaining conversation with many veterans and completely enjoyed my day.

Canine Coiffures by Carol:

Total Seen	14
Action Taken	1

I groomed and cut the nails of a Great Pyrenees.

I had a great day and enjoyed the interaction with all the veterans and other service providers.

Please keep doing the stand downs.

Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC):

Total Seen	33
Action Taken	8

No comments.

Clallam County Transit:

Total Seen 75

Action Taken 70

Promoting - Straight Shot – getting people to the VA hospital in Seattle.

I just love this event! I worked it last year and asked to come back this year. The food is great, the volunteers are amazing and the veterans are usually hilarious, I just enjoy talking to them.

Keep doing the stand downs.

Concerned Citizens:

Total Seen 30

Action Taken

No comments

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Total Seen 30

Action Taken 30

We spent considerable time talking to individuals who had a variety of issues. We also noted that often vets have started a claim with another service organization and have either not followed through as to the status of their claim or not followed up. Often they get denied and do not know what to do next and that is where we spent a lot of our time today with veterans who were unsure of how to proceed to next step.. Overall it was a productive day so not sure what you are referring to as after action. We do know that because of the contacts made today we will be seeing these vets in our respective offices the next few Wednesdays to assist in completing paperwork and sending that paperwork into the regional office to begin the process upon their behalf.

DSHS:

Total Seen 8

Action Taken 4

Everything went well

Harbor Audiology:

Total Seen 20

Action Taken

Most are eager to call with the info given and work with other service offices to network with such as the DAV/FRA/VFW folks.

Most vets to be aware of the choice program but have not considered hearing health as part of it.

I was able to remind vets that any service connection makes them eligible for hearing services.

Healthy Families:

Total Seen: 23

Action Taken: 2

- Referred veteran who is raising grandson to Forks Abuse Program and Healthy Families of Clallam County for counseling for victim services and/or therapy.
- Arranged to assist veteran with a protection order and a referral to set custody of child.
- A nurse expressed her thanks that we were here doing the work we are doing.
- A vet shared that he had been through a divorce with his spouse when he was on active duty and how, as the man, he was naturally looked upon with suspicion. The military did their due diligence and go to the bottom of it. He was able to gain custody of his son and keep him safe.

Housing:

Serenity House:

Total Seen: 12
Action Taken: 7

Not many problems arisen. I had a great time.

Peninsula Housing Authority:

Total Seen: 20
Action Taken: 5

5 housing applications.
Lots of positive comments.

HUD/VASH:

Total Seen 20
Action Taken 10

Veteran pending termination by housing authority was helped to appeal termination and arranged for temporary housing.

Sarge's Place:

Total Seen: 37
Action Taken: 17

- Referred several veterans to HUD/VASH for screening and potential referral to our program.
- Signed off on outdoor equipment forms for homeless veterans.
- A veteran came back after receiving outdoor equipment and thanked me for having such a great attitude.
- We are seeing fewer numbers of veterans at the stand downs but the needs seem to be greater:
 - aging veterans with medical issues.
 - addiction.

Olympic Peninsula Community Action (OlyCap)

Total Seen: 30
Action Taken: 10

-Housing and service referrals made.

- Visiting with veterans I have helped in previous years with I have a positive relationship with.
- Always a wonderful event.

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Employment Services:

Total Seen: 27
 Action Taken: 4

- Spread the word about our program and our resources.
- Spoke with several people about the multiple job openings with the Lower Elwha.
- Handed out our program brochure for veterans to share with their friends and family.
- Explained and clarified the TVR Program and our eligibility requirements.
- Provided contact info of other tribal programs

Massage Therapy:

Total Served 14

Relived pain, provided education about what massage can do.
 Our veterans are in such need of massage therapy,
 Thank you so much for having me! I want to be back next year.
 Keep up the good work.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA):

Total Seen 12
 Action Taken ?10

Hmmm.... Potentially...”Message of Hope”.
 Excellent networking with other providers.
 Great event overall; questionable timing. I suggest holding the event later in a given month, when current month’s benefits have been spent by an individual vet, Most vets received their checks earlier this week and the neediest of these mat not be here as a result.

New Leash on Life:

Total Seen 53
 Action Taken 53

We gave out all of the food.
 Talked to a veteran who is going to use his VA benefits to fund schooling in dog training classes.

Olympic Area on Aging/Sr Information and Assistance

Total Seen 41
 Action Taken 6

Gave out a lot of Medicare information.
 We interacted with many vets, which was fantastic.
 This was my first time. Great event! Thank you for all of the effort that was put in.

NW Veterans Resource Center:

Total Seen 44
Action Taken 6

Peninsula Friends of Animals:

Total Seen: 100
Action Taken: 100

Food for animals.

ProBono Lawyers of Clallam and Jefferson Counties:

Total Seen 20
Action Taken 5

- Letter written to collection company to dispute debt no owed by low income client.
- Staff surprised by the number of homeless vets. Quote from homeless veteran "I'm used to sleeping on the ground".
- The reality of housing shortage is heartbreaking.

Red Cross:

Total Seen 100
Action Taken 100

- First aid kits distributed-79
- Comfort kits distributed-59
- One vet came over to thank the Red Cross for helping him get him home for his mothers funeral. Very emotional.

Sequim Valley Lions

Total Seen 84
Action Taken 76

18 Eye exams and eye glasses prescribed as well as dozens of reading glasses and glasses cases.
Happy to serve our military veterans.

VA Puget Sound Health Care System:

Total Seen 33
Action Taken 32

Connected to care, urgent clinic for meds/labs, appointments, eligibility and housing.

VA Suicide Prevention:

Total Seen 32
Action Taken 3

Vet Connect:

Total Seen 22
Action Taken 22

Assisted a veteran who came from Camo Lejeune to get his health care and claim assistance.

Reconnected with a homeless veteran from 2 years ago who came to the 2016 stand down after meeting him at Vet Connect in Port Hadlock. Since then he has lived at Sarge's Place and received help to transition to section 8 housing where he now lives with his dog. He looked healthy and happy with his life. WHAT A SUCCESS STORY. This is why we do what we do.

VFW-FRA:

Total Seen 28
Action Taken 20

Claims issues, DD-214s

Good veterans to help

Great food, service providers, this event is great for the veterans in our community.

Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics, VIMO:

You hosted another great Stand Down - I really enjoyed my time there.

I talked to about 35 people, explaining my program, and listening to many life stories which I like to do.

There was one wife of a vet who had recently lost her APPLE Health because her husband's income went up a little bit.

I told her that I could help her with all 3 aspects of my program. It sounded like she was quite a bit overdue for her women's health care.

I gave her some information and a brochure with my name and number on it, and also she gave me her name and number so that I can call her if she does not call me.

Her husband seemed to think it would be good for her to get the care, too, so that may help her to agree to come access these free-of-charge services.

All of the other women that I had nice visits with had insurance, but a lot of them took the breast cancer awareness scarves, bracelets, etc. that I was handing out.

Thank you for all of your planning and implementing of these good events for the veterans.

Immunizations:

Total Seen 17
Action Taken 17

Health Screenings:

Total Seen 8
Action Taken 8

Wound care seen by MD

Counseling:

Total Seen 1
Action Taken 1

Veteran will be seen in follow up at the clinic.

Dental Screening:

Total Seen 30
Action Taken 30

Last Thursday at the Veteran's Stand Down our dental clinic was able to see 30 veterans. This was my first stand down and I have to share how incredibly rewarding it was. The dental needs varied from patient to patient

but our dentist, Dr. Bud Davies, took his time with each veteran showing great compassion and care. We were able to get all 30 scheduled to come in either for a dental visit or to get started with x-rays. We had one patient that had been in pain for a long time and had a very visible infection in one of his teeth. We were able to start his antibiotics that day, to get the infection under control, and then we will have him back in to get the tooth pulled. I really felt we made a big impact and it was one of my favorite days working at VIMO so far.

One thing I did notice is many veterans need dentures and that is a gap I would like to explore getting assistance with. It makes me very sad that a lot of our heroes are not able to enjoy food anymore because they don't have the teeth. I am going to start exploring how we could possibly help in that realm. This event was very organized!

Vocational Rehabilitation:

Total Seen 40

Action Taken 20

Endearing memories and heartfelt stories shared...humbling!

A couple of gentlemen looked at "job seekers", held up crossed fingers.

WorkSource

Total Seen 57

Action Taken 26

Clothing Room:

Total People Seen : 140

Total Veterans : 116

Of those: Males-103

Females-13

Of those Veterans:

Married Males : 30

Single Males : 73

Married Female : 3

Single Females : 10

Veterans that are homeless : 24

Veteran Males Married : 2

Veteran Male Single : 22

Spouse that is with a Veteran : 6

Dependent: 3

Non Veterans-

Male-5

Female-3

Non Veteran Homeless - males-3, females-2

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:

Outdoor had 17 Veterans requesting equipment.
There are 14 male and 3 females living outdoors.
I had enough supplies for everyone with the exception of two last veterans.
These supplies will be delivered to them ASAP.
One veteran came late and was having a very hard time.
He received the equipment he needed.
He had not eaten so Heather went to the galley.
She came back with a large meal of everything.
He ate faster than I can talk and left one big smile.

Meals: There were approximately 700 OUTSTANDING meals served by Reath Ellefson.

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.