# 2019 Port Angeles Stand Down After Action:

Total seen	252
Veterans	241
Female Veterans	40
Homeless veterans	37
Homeless female Veterans	2
Dependents	12
Homeless Non-Veterans	1
Volunteers/Service Providers	159

### **American Red Cross:**

Total Seen

Action Taken No problems to solve

55

This was my first experience with a stand down. I am <u>so glad</u> I came. It was a memorable experience that I can now repeat as I plan to attend them from this point out. Very well organized!

### **Assured Hospice:**

Total Seen 30 Action Taken 1

Family member with schizophrenia brother, introduced her to Senior Information and Assistance after we helped her with social service questions. Just moved to the area, looking to make new connections.

## Barber Shop:

Number of haircuts 23

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

Total Seen 40+ Action Taken 1

Another wonderful day of talking to interesting people and hearing their stories.

#### Canine Coiffures by Carol:

Total Seen 9 Action Taken 9

I groomed and cut the nails and groomed 9 dogs of various breeds.

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

Please keep doing the stand downs.

### Census Bureau:

Total Seen 45 Action Taken 5

### **Clallam County Veterans Association:**

Total Seen

38

Action Taken

7

Gave out 5 gift cards, 1 set of bus passes and paid for a funeral.

We were able to help the dependent of a veteran pay off a funeral bill for her husband who was a Viet Nam Veteran. This was very moving for her, she said she had that worry hanging over her head for four years. She was moved to tears and said that we had helped bring some closure.

#### Clallam Transit:

Total Seen

Action Taken

No after action report submitted

#### **Concerned Citizens:**

Total Seen

17

Action Taken

4

Several referrals to DSHS. 4 job applicants. Enjoyed listening to the stories.

## Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Total Seen

30

Action Taken

25

Just filed claims/gathered information for claims.

All veterans seemed to be in good spirits and thankful for all the resources gathered in one location.

## **DSHS**:

Total Seen

18

Action Taken

1

Everything went well, networking with other community partners and learning about new programs.

## **Hadlock Veterinary Clinic:**

Total Seen

15

Action Taken

15

Vaccinations, flea and tick preventions, ear infection. Wonderful event, helped many veterans that were unable to afford medical care for their pets.

### Hamilton Relay:

Total Seen

23

**Action Taken** 

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Referred to contact us if interested after reviewing brochures.

Shared information about resources for people with hearing loss and speech disabilities.

Positive feedback about people who have used our services or equipment.

## **Healthy Families:**

Total Seen:

58

Action Taken:

Spoke with a veteran and his wife about the wife's past sexual abuse, new to area. Going to set wife up with therapy through our agency. They wouldn't have known about our agency if the hadn't come to the stand down here today.

## Housing:

## **Serenity House:**

Total Seen:

11

Action Taken:

3

## Peninsula Housing Authority:

Total Seen:

6

Action Taken:

## HUD/VASH:

Total Seen

11

Action Taken

10

Literally homeless veterans now in process to getting housing help.

## Sarge's Place:

Total Seen:

23

Action Taken:

6

Referred 12 veterans for outdoor equipment.

## Olympic Peninsula Community Action (OlyCap)

Total Seen:

34

Action Taken:

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- 2 housing referrals.
- 2 success stories.
- Always a wonderful event.

# Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Employment Services:

Total Seen:

Action Taken:

No after action report submitted

### 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

8

Action Taken

3

Lots of "thank yous" for being here.

#### New Leash on Life:

Total Seen

45

Action Taken

45

We gave out all of the food.

A veteran I worked with 5 years ago moved to South Dakota came by to say hello and talk about how much I had helped him.

## Olympic Area on Aging/Sr Information and Assistance

Total Seen

57

Action Taken

57

Medicare open enrollment

Medicare prescription plan

Changes to Medicare plans

Adult protective services

Resources in the area

- -Enjoyed meeting the Commander from the Coast Guard base
- -Talking to different available veteran resources
- -Appreciated the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning
- -Liked the idea of having people ask to have sheet signed good opening to talk about services
- -Thank you to all the volunteers!!

#### Peninsula Friends of Animals:

Total Seen:

Action Taken:

75

Food for animals.

#### Peninsula College:

Total Seen

25-30

Action Taken

12

Several people who thought their ability to access free tuition had ended were pleased to learn that they could attend college tuition-free.

### **Port Angeles Senior Center:**

Total Seen

31

Action Taken

31

Talked to an older vet who was looking for a new place to live, their rent was raised 35% an they could no longer afford it. Gave hand off to HRC/Serenity House.

### ProBono Lawyers of Clallam and Jefferson Counties:

Total Seen

Action Taken

No after action report submitted

## Sequim Valley Lions

Total Seen Action Taken 88 88

- 1. A total of 11 Sequim Valley Lion's Club members participated and contributed a total of 36 hours on that day;
- 2. 88 veterans were spoken with and/or received services:
- 3. Services included screening by use of eye charts for use in the handing out of "Reader" glasses; sunglasses and glasses cases:
  - a. 40 "Reader glasses" were handed out;
  - b. Approx. 50 glasses cases were handed out;
  - c. Approx. 35 sunglasses were handed out;
  - d. 15 Vouchers for Vision Services (Value up to \$123.00) were given to qualified Veterans-These exams will be performed at the Port Angeles and Sequim Wal-Marts.
- 4. Our Lion's Club services were offered in conjunction with a representative from the Port Angeles Wal-Mart Optical. The representative from Wal-Mart saw approximately 45 individuals. He provided services which included glasses cleaning, handing out of sun glasses and sun glass cases and other general consultation with veterans and/or their families. He also provided information to those Veterans with eye exam vouchers on the procedures to be followed so they could obtain their eye exams;
- 5. Pictures were also taken of those participating in the event;
- 6. Time spent by Lion Donald Bell in coordination/planning/picking up necessary equipment for this event was approximately 3 hours (to include time for preparation of this report)
- 7. Conclusion: This was a successful event which provided an important and needed service to area Veterans. Everybody was enthusiastic and excited about serving Veterans currently living on the Olympic Peninsula.

#### **Vet Connect:**

Total Seen

14

Action Taken

Assisted all with locating services they needed.

Was pleased to assist two veterans with information about VocRehab.

Connecting Father David with the upcoming program to obtain a mobile shower through Olycap

## **Medical Screening:**

Total Seen 33

Action Taken 28

We performed the following services. Shots/vaccines, medical exams, blood pressure checks, signed transit application/evaluation for reduced fair, counseling. Such beautiful and well-behaved dogs.

## Dental Screening:

Total Seen 18 Action Taken 18

Dental exams and x-ray appointments

This event was very organized!

#### WorkSource

Total Seen 76 Action Taken

## **Clothing Room:**

Total People Seen: 110
Total Veterans: 94
Of those: Males: 78
Females: 16

Non-Veterans 11 Male 3

Female 8

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.

## **Tools 4 Troops:**

Handed out various types of hand and power tools to 44 veterans. Thank you to Pete Wall for coming up to support the stand down.

## **Outdoor Equipment Trailer:**

13 veterans came for outdoor equipment.
Two did not meet the requirements.
Eleven veterans received the gear they needed.
One veteran, who had obtained outdoor equipment in the past, had everything stolen. This veteran was given what he required.

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

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.