

2017 Port Townsend Stand Down After Action:

Total seen	217
Veterans	216
Female Veterans	20
Homeless veterans	24
Homeless Female Veterans	4
Non Veterans	1

Heather Spencer Acupuncture:

Total Seen	0
Action Taken	0

I came to assist the other medical provider and limited what treatments I did. I will bring needles to the next event.

American Red Cross:

Total Seen	68
Action Taken	64

Handed out 47 first aid kits and 20 survival hygiene comfort kits as well as 62 emergency preparedness booklets to veterans.

Referred several veterans to other service providers.

Several veterans signed up to volunteer for Red Cross services for Jefferson County.

Everyone was very courteous at all tables. And the food was delicious.

Assured Hospice:

Total Seen	33
Action Taken	Thankfully no one needed our services today.

Some notable quotes:

“I served in Vietnam as a medic and felt good helping and saving lives. I couldn’t save them all, but it mattered to the ones I saved.”

“I’m glad this (hospice is available, I don’t want to burden my daughter with taking care of me.”

“Do what your heart tells you to do...its all that matters”.

“Glad to know your service is available if I ever need it”.

Concerned Citizens:

Total Seen	22
Action Taken	3

Home care services for 2 veterans. Spoke with lots of folks about homecare services.

Was able to direct veterans to the services that they needed.

Got a lot of great feedback about the many services represented here.

Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) Port Angeles:

Total Seen	24
Action Taken	14

Educating veterans to VHA Healthcare and the choice program.

Community Outreach Association Shelter Team C.O.A.S.T. (Jefferson County Winter Shelter)

Total Seen	16
Action Taken	9

We were able to make some referrals for services in Port Townsend.

The joy of seeing veterans who used to stay in our shelter who now have permanent housing! We have also been able to advertise our shelter and to let veterans know they are prioritized for our services. In the past years we met vets here who then accessed the winter shelter and subsequently obtained housing.

We are so grateful to you for coming here to Jefferson County. Thank you for coordinating all these services – it’s a big job and we are grateful. Congratulations too for your recent recognition by the Jefferson County Commissioners, which is richly deserved.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV):

Total Seen	19
Action Taken	19

We had two veterans who were not aware of benefits and we were able to show them all that they were qualified for.

A homeless vet needed phone card and a bus pass, we were able to provide them for him. We spent quite a bit of time explaining to one veteran why he was not eligible for certain benefits because of his income. He was a bit surly and unhappy but left understanding.

The event was very well organized thank you very much for the use of the copy machine as well as the Wi-Fi. The food was great!!!

Dental Screening:

Total Seen	22
Action Taken	22

Numerous people who are in pain scheduled to have infected/broken teeth extracted. Scheduled 17 veterans with appointments at Dentistry Northwest (with 0 no shows). Scheduled 5 with VIMO.

Homeless woman breaking down and crying when we told her we could see her the following day at no charge to remove her two broken and infected teeth.

Dove House Advocacy Services:

Total Seen	40
Action Taken	5

Dove House gave and received information on: housing solutions, CPS information for an attendee for an out of state child abuse problem and legal assistance.

I will always remember seeing my homeless client, eat very well! The kitchen staff piled on the food and all owed her to eat as much as she wanted. This warmed my heart. She was able to get dental services and meet new people to help her. I will never forget the big smile on her face as she scarfed down piles of eggs and gravy.

Department of Health and Human Services:

Total Seen 5
Action Taken 2

Report of elder abuse – 22-274/End Harm, Fraud, Criminal Case started.
Assist with signing up for Social Security

We had the family for a veteran who is dealing with dementia come in and asked how to report elder abuse. For years his family caregiver had been stealing his DDI and life savings. I gave her the phone number 1-800-end-harm to report the abuse and start a case. We also partnered with NW Justice Project about his legal rights/protections.

Narcotics Anonymous:

Total Seen 45
Action Taken 20

Handed out schedules and information pamphlets
Lots of conversation about addiction and recovery.
The whole event was wonderful and informative.

Jefferson County Veterans Assistant:

Total Seen 45
Action Taken 40

Had a great day helping vets!!! Helping to get disability compensation started, helping homeless vets. Helped guide homeless veterans to the “outdoor gear” trailer.

Jefferson Transit:

Total Seen 30
Action Taken 16

Provided public transportation information.
Arranged transportation for two individuals home after stand down event was over.
Arrange transportation options for an individual after their dental appointment.
Provided bus fare for individuals to Haines Place park and ride to get reduced fair permit cards.
Provided bus schedule connections to VA Clinic and Hospital.
Jefferson Transit will be working towards providing shuttle service to and from highway for next years stand d down.

See Strait Optical:

Total Seen 10-15
Action Taken 10

10 vision screenings, one young veteran was taken to see a Doctor on an urgent basis.

Food Bank:

Total Seen 17
Action Taken 4

A Client comment on selection and quality of food between 2 food banks. Great discussion with Ed. B with a vision of how local food could be featured in the future.

James Jackson, LMT:

Total Served 12

Everyone received a free 15-minute treatment.

Headaches relieved, low back pain reduced. Self care educating passed along. Neck and shoulder stiffness and pain was significantly reduced “I couldn’t move my shoulder before you started”

I feel that with better “advertising” in the main hall I could have served more veterans.

My HealthVet:

Total Seen 10

Action Taken 6

Assisted with e-benefits registration.

Registered 2 and reset 3 passwords, they were able to log into their new upgraded account and sent secure messages to their providers!

New Leash on Life:

Total Seen 25

Action Taken 3

Gave out dog food and cat food. Everything we had was given out.

Liberty was very helpful to several veterans.

I saw a veteran with his service dog that I helped in 2011!!

Olympic Community Action Programs (OLYCAP):

Total Seen 28

Action Taken ??

Made appointments for assistance regarding car repair and dental help

We got lots of commentary on all of the good work we do.

A quote from a housing client, “I’m just glad you guys are here to help other veterans” I so grateful for your help”.

We have seen many veterans and I have been able to house with our SSVF grant through stand down outreach.

Northwest Justice Project

Total Seen 16

Action Taken 16

Advice and information for all. Advice re: housing, family law, VA benefits/records’ property liens, IRS tax issues, SSDI appeals, adult protective services, protection orders, federal court case records, landlord tenant, neighbors and wills.

Request that we spread the word of free legal services – locally at Chemicum – wills.

Lots of great stories from the wonderful veterans who served our country so faithfully.

Tools 4 Troops:

Total Seen 37

(39) Veteran recipients of therapeutic, home and workplace tools with another (3) as duplicates, arising, from a Veteran(s) making a second round of what was

available and in doing so having to complete another form. There might have two or three others that slipped by but all in all it's a successful outcome

Sarge's Place:

Total Seen	21
Action Taken	3

I met in person with a vet I had spoken with by phone and connected him with VA liaison to try to get him into Sarge's Place.

I gave a veteran information on Peninsula Housing Authority pre-application. The PHA representative was not present.

It's always good to educate volunteers about our program (a total of 10).

Directed a veteran where to go to receive assistance with power bills.

I made several very good connections with other service providers.

Parking was a challenge. Maybe there could be designated motorcycle parking.

Serenity House:

Total Seen	17
Action Taken	5

Scheduled an intake for this Wednesday with a veteran to assist with housing in Sequim Networking with Jefferson County Agencies to better facilitate referrals to my clients needing services as well as those potentially relocating here. This was very helpful even though I work for a Clallam County Agency.

Thank you for hosting this important event.

Senior Information and Assistance/Olympic area Agency on Aging:

Total seen	23
Action Taken	2

Information and referral for a veteran with dementia, financial exploitation.

"I'm not old," said someone in their 70's. my reply "you aren't but you might know someone who is." You should end it at 2.

Skookum Contract Services

No Report

VBA Regional Office (Claims):

Total Seen	20
Action Taken	18

VA claims filed and expedited.

DD-214 requests, Home Loan Information, GI Bill Information E-Benefits Access

A terrific event everything was perfect.

VA Healthcare Eligibility:

Total Seen	35
Action Taken	25

Wonderful overall event. Great overall direction for veterans and follow up by all those who were volunteering and directing alike. It felt there was a great overall coverage of every aspect of benefits and support for veterans.

Barriers for privacy would be nice as well as the noise level was a little high, I understand that you cant so much about that.

VA Housing Programs:

Total Seen	14
Action Taken	10

Screening and referrals for literally homeless veterans. Helped with signing up for VA services and referred to other housing programs.

Met with homeless female veteran staying at an emergency shelter to screen and refer to VA housing programs in Port Orchard and Olympia.

Met with homeless male veteran sleeping in vehicle to refer to Sarge's Place program in Forks. Great event, well organized!

Victoria Clippers (Barbers):

Cut 47 head of hair, it was a great day...

Vet Connect:

Total Seen	56
Action Taken	22

Found immediate housing for a homeless veteran.

Met up with a veteran who had an injured service dog that was helped by Vet Connect last month – assisted in getting over \$1400 in donations to pay vet bill – funds provided by American Legion #26 as well as the Port Townsend Elks plus some private donations.

A couple that are homeless living in an RV needed to move to another RV park. We called SeaBreeze and gave them the address and phone number and information to pick up an application in the morning. Rental space is within budget and the veteran is about to have surgery and needs a stable place to love and recuperate.

Could use big arrows with signage to direct veterans to the medical dental service area.

Provide maps to all vendors to better refer veteran to other stations at the stand down.

WorkSource:

Total Seen	33
Action Taken	7

3 homeless veterans with multiple barriers will be taken care of with follow up visits.

Could use transportation for veterans with a large amount of gear.

Health Screenings:

Total Seen	9
Action Taken	6

Medications adjusted for patients with high blood pressure and referrals sent out

Clothing Room:

Served 135
78 male veterans
14 female veterans
31 dependents of veterans
10 children
2 Non-Veterans
14 Homeless

Outdoor Equipment Trailer:

Outfitted 17 homeless veterans.
It was a great day. Weather outstanding

The outdoor equipment trailer was busy until 1500. We had sixteen (16) veterans/and or partners stop by. There were fourteen (14) males and two (2) females. We had almost everything needed for these veterans except three items. These items were obtained and by two days after the stand down two (02) of the three items have been delivered.

One of the veterans that attended last years stand down was unable to enter the building or be around people. He came out to the outdoor equipment area where he felt a bit more comfortable. Liberty, the Voices for Veterans service dog was brought to the vicinity of the veteran and she went right to him sensing he needed help calming down and she did calm him down to the point that he was able to get some help.

This year he returned with his new partner. Now his is doing 100 percent better. Things are looking good for him. He came to say thanks to everyone who helped him get this far.

Meals: There were more than 400 OUTSTANDING meals served.