

### VETERANS STAND DOWN 2016

### **Outcomes Presentation**

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"A successful Stand Down will be an effective mix of programming and logistics." - Robert Van Keuren & Dr. Jon Nachison, Stand Down founders (San Diego, 1988)





#### PROGRAMMING:

Client-centered approach
Service availability
Long-term outcomes
Access to services
Meeting client needs
Allow Stand Down to create change

#### LOGISTICS:

**Event Flow** 

Organization

Schedule of Events

Set-Up

Floor Plan

Staffing

Diverse service representation

Tracking

Vendors



- 969 veterans
- 130 accompanying family members
- 150 service providers
- 558 volunteers
- 2,551 hours of volunteer service









#### STAND DOWN SERVICES:

Benefits/Resources
Counseling & Treatment

**Dental** 

**Employment & Education** 

Food Service (restaurant style)

Haircuts & Showers

Handouts

Housing

Legal Assistance

Legal Courts

Medical

Military Records

Taxes

Veteran Service Organizations
Veterans Administration

#### **OUTPUT EXAMPLES**



- 128 veterans received Court assistance (including 58 warrants quashed, 69 court dates set)
- 185 veterans obtained free legal assistance
- 97 veterans ordered copies of their military records or obtained case assistance from the Nevada Congressional Delegation
- 93 veterans received benefits assistance from the VA
- 190 veterans obtained vision screenings and appointments for eye care
- 121 veterans obtained free dental care and referrals
- 259 veterans received haircuts and showers
- 540 veterans shopped for free in the Stand Down store and obtained 7,063 items of clothing, shoes, workforce attire, hygiene items, and non-perishable food

### VETERANS STAND DOWN STORE







Item	Quantity Provided	
Children's Clothing	86	
Food	2,426	
Men's Pants	859	
Men's Shirts	1,737	
Shoes	361	
Socks	411	
Underwear	268	
Women's Pants	293	
Women's Shirts	550	
Workforce Attire	72	

### **DEMOGRAPHIC EXAMPLES**

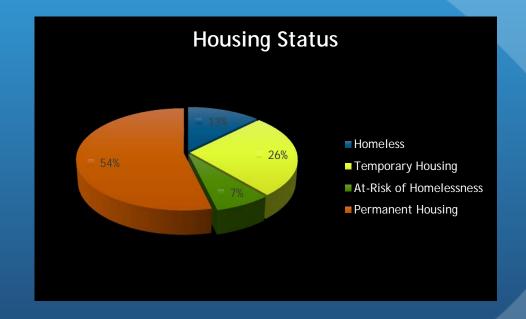
Age Range	Gender	War Eras Served	Branch	Discharge
22-98	Male = 89%	WWII <1%	Army 49%	Honorable 84%
	Female = 9%	Korea <1%	Navy 23%	General 9%
	Transgender 1%	Between Korea/Vietnam 4%	Air Force 15%	Other than Honorable 5%
		Vietnam 29%	Marines 13%	Bad Conduct 1%
		Post Vietnam 43%	Coast Guard <1%	Dishonorable <1%
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OEF/OIF 10%

#### DEMOGRAPHIC EXAMPLES

#### HOUSING SITUATION

- Homeless 13% (109)
- Temporary Housing 26% (230)
- At-Risk of Homelessness 7% (65)
- Permanent Housing 54% (470)



### **DEMOGRAPHIC EXAMPLES**

#### **INCOME STATUS**

- 33% of veterans reported no income
- Approximately 58% of all households were living at the federal poverty level \$11,880
- 80% of all veteran households served, fall below or slightly above 30% of HUD's area median income (AMI), which is \$12,650 per annum
- 90% of all veteran households served did not earn enough to reasonably afford to pay the HUD Fair Market Value of \$780 for a one-bedroom apartment in the Las Vegas metro area

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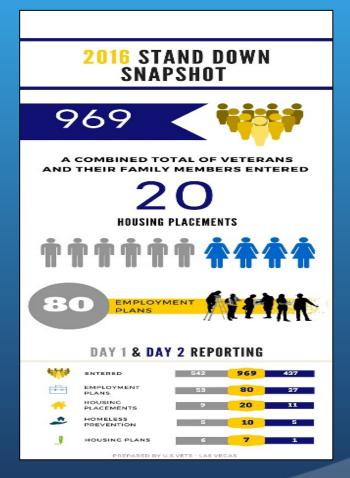
#### MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH

- 472 (or 56%) veterans reported having a serious medical problem
- 315 (or 38%) reported having a mental health problem

### **OUTCOMES: HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT**







#### SPOTLIGHT: VETERAN ASSISTANTS



#### Feedback from the Veterans' Satisfaction Surveys:

"Assistants were very helpful."

"My veteran assistant, Jerone, was very helpful."

"Volunteers went out of their way to help."

"I had the best Veteran Assistant (Keri) and if wasn't for her I would have never went up and talked to someone about housing."

Strengths of Stand Down: "The love felt with the event."

SUCCESS STORY: TERRY R. (VIDEO)

https://youtu.be/maGWkCu\_AAo

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