



OPERATION STAND DOWN
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Thank You for Helping 284 Veterans!

Because of you, 284 Veterans received many services and a lot of information during the 13th Annual Operation Stand Down Event held at the TN National Guard Amory, October 14 – 16, 2005.

During these three-days, each veteran had the opportunity to eat and sleep peacefully, get a haircut, go through a legal review and receive medical, dental and eye exams and treatment with follow-up appointments at the VA Medical Center as needed. They also got immunization shots, ate throughout the day, watched all sorts of movies, got new clothes, a winter coat and could file a claim for their Veterans Benefits. They also listened to some great music, attended 12 step meetings, visited with a bunch of good folks who were truly interested in them, were served by caring, supportive veteran service organizations and volunteers and ate a lot of great home cooked food, including some really great home cooked desserts. They were able to relax, read books, play games, get new reading glasses, (did I mention eat a lot of food?), visit with other veterans, and get a break from their normal day on the street or working a temporary labor job!

All of this was made possible because you cared – you gave and you got involved.

Some interesting statistics and information from this year's Operation Stand Down event:

- 250 veterans got new VA ID's.
- 200 + received employment tips, counseling and made appointments to go to either the Operation Stand Down office or a TN Career Center for further employment assistance.
- 160 veterans received a wide range of medical services.
- Over 150 veterans received legal assistance with various issues including driver's license.
- 175 veterans received new clothes and a winter coat Sunday morning.
- 284 veterans received new socks, underwear and t-shirts.
- Everyone had an opportunity to visit 22 social service agencies for information.
- Over 100 organizations contributed to the services and support for this event.
- Over 500 volunteers served meals, registered veterans, provided security, passed out clothes, provided haircuts, provided administrative assistance, legal reviews, medical exams, conducted meetings, played games, talked with the veterans (whatever needed to be done) and cleaned up!

It is truly a wonderful experience and privilege to be part of such a great group of folks. Thank You!

Sincerely,

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'Since 1993, helping the community reestablish ties with its veterans.'