



SOUTH FLORIDA REGION

(Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward)

May 23-25, 2014



HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN

WELCOME TO STAND DOWN...During the three-day event, The American Legion Post 29 located at 6445 NE 7th Ave Miami, FL 33138 will take on a military atmosphere as tents and cots are set up for homeless veterans who will live and sleep on the property through the weekend.



HELP IS HERE... Veterans and their families who are living on the streets or who do not have permanent housing will get free access to:

- Two nights of sleeping accommodations
- Bus passes
- Three days of hot meals
- Hot showers & clean clothes
- Haircuts for men and hair treatments for women
- Dental examinations
- Medical examinations and prescriptions written
- Infectious diseases screenings/testing
- Vision examinations
- Hearing and Glucose testing
- Pharmacy Services
- AA/NA/ALANON Meetings
- PTSD & TBI Counseling and information
- Housing Voucher Applications, counseling and services
- Veterans and Children day and evening Entertainment
- Animal Sheltering, Free vaccines, Free IDs micro-chips

- Job and Employment applications/Counseling/Resume writing
- VA Disability Claims processing
- Military personnel records checks and replacement application
- Legal counseling and/or Stand Down Court (sign up by 03/15/2014)
- State Photo Identification cards (Need Birth Certificate and SS Card)
- Social Security Benefits (Food Stamps, SSI & Disability) processing
- Medicaid Applications
- Birth Certificates ordered
- GED enrollment
- Art Therapy
- Women and Children Services and Information
- Voter Registration



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **Sponsor one of the many military tents---** \$500.00 dollars sponsorship per tent
- **Volunteer your services:** barbers and stylist, set-up and tear-down assistance. Food Services, Veteran Escort, and Tent Leaders are just a few of the needs at Stand Down
- **Volunteer Items:** food, clothing, back packs, blankets, towels, and comfort items, are all required to make this a successful event
- **Make a Tax Exempt Donation to the Florida Veterans Foundation:** For "SoFlo Homeless Stand Down"

TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TO THE EVENT VISIT THE FOLLOWING URL:

<http://www.northfloridastanddown.org/pages/SFSD.html>

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

The Florida Veterans Foundation and City of Miami is hosting a SoFlo Homeless Veterans Stand Down. It will be held on Memorial Day weekend May 23-25. We will be offering our homeless and at-risk veterans a hand-up. In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of security and safety. Today, Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 67,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets. During the three-day event, American Legion Post 29, 6445 NE 7th Ave, Miami, FL 33138 will take on a military atmosphere as tents and cots are set up for homeless veterans, who will live and sleep on the property through the weekend. Veterans who are living on the streets or who do not have permanent housing will get free access to showers, food, clothing, medical services, legal and mental health services, and job counseling. Most importantly, though, they will receive companionship and camaraderie.

Stand Down is a time for the community to connect with our homeless veterans and to begin to break down the barriers that are keeping these heroes on the streets. The "hand up, not a handout" philosophy of Stand Down requires the work of countless volunteers, businesses, and local, state and national organizations

***"Stand Down" began in San Diego in 1988. Twenty-five years later, that organization has celebrated many successes, and was featured in 2010 on "60 Minutes." There are now more than 200 Stand Downs throughout the country.

Donation Levels

Squad Level Sponsor \$500

- Sponsor announcement on the SoFlo Homeless Vets website
- Certificate of Meritorious Mast for sponsorship presented at awards luncheon

Platoon Level Sponsor \$1000

- Sponsor announcement on the SoFlo Homeless Vets website
- Signage with logo on a Camp Hope Tent
- Listing on Sponsor Banner at the Entertainment Stage
- Certificate of Appreciation for sponsorship presented at awards luncheon

Company Level Sponsor \$2500

- Sponsor announcement on the SoFlo Homeless Vets website
- Signage with logo on a Camp Hope Tent
- Listing on Sponsor Banner at the Entertainment Stage
- Inclusion in promotional material prior to Stand Down
- Certificate of Commendation for sponsorship presented at awards luncheon

Battalion Level Sponsor \$5000

- Sponsor announcement on the SoFlo Homeless Vets website
- Signage with logo on a Camp Hope Tent
- Inclusion in promotional material prior to Stand Down
- Listing on Sponsor Banner at the Entertainment Stage
- Corporate Logo at main entrance gate at the American Legion
- Special Recognition on SoFlo Homeless Vets Website
- Introduction of corporation on main stage
- Platinum Level Award Plaque for sponsorship presented on stage

Brigade Level Sponsor \$10000

- Sponsor announcement on the SoFlo Homeless Vets website
- Signage with logo on a Camp Hope Tent
- Listing on Sponsor Banner at the Entertainment Stage
- Inclusion in promotional material prior to Stand Down
- Corporate Logo at main entrance gate at the American Legion
- Special Recognition and corporate information on SoFlo Homeless Vets Website
- Introduction of corporate speaker on main stage
- Gold Level Award Plaque for sponsorship presented on stage