

STANDDOWN 2006

Who is Standdown for?

Standdown 2006 is for Chicago area homeless veterans who represent about 30% of the homeless in our city. The Chicago-area Vet Centers, VA Medical Centers and more than 30 public and private, federal/state and city agencies lead the Standdown effort.

When is Standdown?

June 23-24, 2006 *** Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. on June 23 and closes by noon on June 24. The Standdown will take place at the National Guard Armory at 1551 N. Kedzie Chicago, IL.

What will happen at Standdown?

Hundreds of volunteers will provide Chicago area homeless veterans a wide range of services and resources, which include:

- 5 meals with a Sack Supper to go on Saturday, June 24
- Medical services
- Optical services
- Housing information/applications
- VA benefit information, review of possible discharge upgrades
- Standdown Photo Ids
- Department of Human Services and Social Security information/applications
- Employment opportunities
- Legal Assistance
- Haircuts, clothing, entertainment, recreational activities
- Women's services
- Friendship, bonding, and camaraderie

Why do we need a Standdown?

Surviving by their wits, the homeless rely on limited rations under extreme conditions. Like a soldier, a homeless person's experience is both dangerous and debilitating. On a daily basis, the homeless must deal with lack of safe shelter, physical and emotional disability, and a recurrent state of hopelessness and isolation.

The concept of Standdown comes from the military practice of removing exhausted combat units from the field of combat to a place of relative safety where they can rest and recover. **Standdown 2006** represents that safe haven for homeless veterans. The goals are to:

- Provide a respite from the rigors of life on the street
- Help Chicago homeless veterans obtain permanent housing
- Assist attendees in establishing a source of income either through employment or benefits
- Stabilize participants' health conditions

How can I help at Standdown?

Standdown survives through the labor of hundreds of volunteers and the donations of veteran's service organizations and private businesses. If you are interested in participating in this event, please call one of the numbers below.

DONATIONS – 708 383-3225
REGISTRATION – 1 800 827-1000
VOLUNTEERS – 708 202-2055

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Northwest Armory
1551 N. Kedzie
Chicago, IL

June 23-24, 2006

Registration Form

Please Print

Name: _____ SS# _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

GENDER:

- Male
 Female

ETHNICITY:

- African American Asian American Caucasian
 Hispanic Native American

EDUCATION:

- GED High School BA Beyond BA

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch: Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

Dates of Service: Entered _____ Discharged _____

Did you serve in any of the following conflict zones?

- WWII Lebanon Persian Gulf
 Korean Grenada Somalia
 Vietnam Panama GWOT

Were you wounded: Yes No POW: Yes No

Type of Discharge:

- Honorable General Other than Honorable

When you approach registration, you will be asked for some proof of veteran status. You may use a VA Hospital ID card or DD214. If you do not have this, we will need to verify your veteran status through your social security number. Please be patient – we are working as fast as we can.

Information provided on this form will be shared among agencies participating in the Standdown solely for the purpose of serving homeless veterans.

Mail completed forms to **Department of Veterans Affairs**
2122 W. Taylor
Chicago, IL 60612

Fax to 708 202-2613