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STAND DOWN 2010 - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Connecticut STAND DOWN?

STAND DOWN is a one-day outreach and support program sponsored by the State of Connecticut which enables needy and homeless veterans to receive services and information from over 30 state, federal and private organizations all assembled in one location. STAND DOWN is *not* a veterans benefits fair for the general public.

2. When and where will STAND DOWN 2010 be held?

STAND DOWN will be held on **Friday, September 10, 2010 from 7 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the State Veterans' Home campus, 287 West Street, in Rocky Hill. Registration to receive services at Stand Down closes at 1:00 pm.

3. What type of assistance and services are available at STAND DOWN?

Medical screenings and services; dental exams and services; legal assistance and court proceedings for misdemeanors; housing referrals; assistance with Federal VA benefits and disability claims; job counseling and training information; social security and social service benefits; financial assistance and debt counseling; higher education programs and services; mental/behavioral health counseling; motor vehicle information; free haircuts; and comfort kits. Lunch is provided.

4. What are some of the participating agencies and organizations?

Connecticut Departments of Banking, Labor, Higher Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Motor Vehicles, Public Health, Social Services, Transportation, the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, Office of the Chief Public Defender, and the Judicial Branch. Participating Federal agencies include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Social Security Administration. Other contributing organizations include the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Yale School of Nursing, Connecticut Lions Clubs, American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

5. Who is eligible to receive assistance at STAND DOWN?

Needy and struggling veterans living in Connecticut who have an honorable discharge from service in the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to attend. Unfortunately, Stand Down cannot serve family members.

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6. Do I have to pre-register to attend STAND DOWN?

Pre-registration is NOT required but it IS strongly encouraged. Pre-registration will save you time upon arriving at STAND DOWN and can help staff verify your veteran status and match you up with available transportation. **Veterans may register by sending in the pre-registration form (fax: 860-616-3556) or by calling 860-616-3803.**

7. Is there any cost to attend STAND DOWN?

No, there is no cost to attend STAND DOWN. However, there may be a fee for some of the services available to veterans, such as renewing a driver's license. A free hot lunch meal will also be served to all attending veterans.

8. Is there available transportation to STAND DOWN?

Yes, free transportation will be available from designated locations in the state's major urban centers including Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, East Harford, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Meriden, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Stamford, Torrington, West Haven, and Waterbury. Most busses depart for Rocky Hill in the between 6 and 7 a.m. and will return you to the same location in the afternoon. If you need assistance or information about transportation, please pre-register with the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs. Veterans are also encouraged to contact their local social service directors, veterans' counselors and shelter managers about available transportation from their area.

CHECK THE WEBSITE: www.ct.gov/ctva for Updated Bus Schedules

9. If I have my own vehicle, is there parking available?

Yes, free parking is available for attending veterans – however, carpooling is strongly encouraged.

10. Do I need to bring anything to participate in STAND DOWN?

Attending veterans are asked to bring any available forms of identification and a copy of your DD214 (Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty), if you have it available. Bring legal papers if you are participating in any judicial proceedings. There is absolutely no alcohol, drugs or weapons, including pocket knives/switchblades, allowed on the grounds of the State Veterans Home.

11. How can I pre-register or get more information about STAND DOWN 2009?

To register or obtain more information, call **860-616-3803**.

Also, additional information is posted at on the internet at www.ct.gov/ctva.