

# We Need Your Help!



The American Legion Post 117 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1005 families are coming together to sponsor a South Brevard Stand Down on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 8:00AM – 3:00PM at American Legion Post 117, 189 Veterans Drive Palm Bay, FL.

What is a Stand Down?

Stand Down refers to a grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation’s estimated 60,000 homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets. Homeless veterans are brought together in a single location for one to three days and are provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems and rebuilding their lives. In the military, Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. Today’s Stand Down affords the same opportunity to homeless veterans.

At this stand down we are also offering certain services to our homeless heroes to instill in them some much needed self-confidence, self-esteem and improved appearances; and that’s dental services and Florida IDs. Offering these services is costly so in order to make this a success; we need help from our community to provide certain items and or financial donations. Some of the items most needed are:

<b>Outdoor gear</b>	<b>Food Items</b>	<b>Clothing (male &amp; female)</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
Head lamps	Canned meat,	Jeans,	Batteries – all sizes
Small radios	soups, fish	28” 32” 34” 36” waist	Aluminum foil
Lanterns	Peanut butter,	Underwear, t-shirts, socks	Zip lock bags
Flashlights	jams, jellies	Work boots:	Trash bags (all sizes)
Sterno	Trail mix	Men’s sizes 9 – 13	Toilet Paper
Small propane tanks	Bottled water	Women’s sizes 6 - 10	Feminine products
Small camp stoves	Canned spaghetti	Sneakers:	First aid kits
Tents	and macaroni	Men’s sizes 9 – 13	Bike patch kits
Tarps 8 x 10	Canned tuna fish	Women’s sizes 6 - 10	Bike locks
Clothes pins	Canned salmon	Ponchos	Chap stick
5 gal buckets	Canned chili		Baby wipes
Mess Kits	Pop tarts		Reading Glasses
Cook ware	Instant breakfast		
P38s or can openers	mix		
Bug spray	Instant coffee		
Mosquito coils	Powdered milk		

Also for this stand down we will be transporting veterans from Indian River and Osceola Counties. So we are expecting to receive some veterans who are in much need of our services and supplies.

We would really enjoy for you to be part of making this a successful event for those who have given so much for us and now have so little. You can do that through in-kind or monetary donations. Your support of this event is very much appreciated. In-kind donations may be dropped off at American Legion Post 117; 189 Veterans Drive Palm Bay, FL. You can drop off or mail your check to American Legion Aux Unit 117/Stand Down Fund; 189 Veterans Drive Palm Bay FL, or you can email a pickup request to [standdown2015@aol.com](mailto:standdown2015@aol.com) or call Barry Roberts (863) 661-9999 or Dorothy Walsh (321) 426-6736.

Thank you in advance for helping us help our homeless veterans.

For God and Country,

*Jim Fournier*

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**David Fox**

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