

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1

DATE: July 8, 2014

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION** – Approve and present a Resolution in support of the Annual Gold Country Veterans Stand Down being held to provide Veterans with the resources, materials and contacts needed in one central location.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Resolution in support of the Annual Gold Country Veterans Stand Down being held to provide Veterans with the resources, materials and contacts needed in one central location.

BACKGROUND

The annual Gold Country Veterans Stand Down, sponsored by Gold Country Chaplaincy, is being held September 16-18, 2014 at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville, CA. The term "Stand Down" was developed by the military to grant battle-weary soldiers an opportunity to gather in a relatively safe and secure environment while they take care of their essential needs, rest and recover from the battlefield.

For many Veterans, the battles continue long after they come home. They come in the form of homelessness, depression, anxiety and difficulty with readjustment to regular living and working in society. They also come through the frustration of navigating the red tape to access the benefits they have so duly earned. The Stand Down is designed to provide Veterans with the resources, materials and contacts needed to sustain their well-being.

While the primary focus is to help homeless Veterans acquire services, the program is available to all Veterans and their families who need access to some type of service to help them with their daily life needs. About twenty percent of the adult homeless populations are Veterans.

The Stand Down is run entirely by volunteers. Professionals and concerned citizens give their time and services to promote the Stand Down philosophy to provide a "hand up", not a hand out to assist our Veterans in getting back on their feet.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states the nation's homeless Veterans are predominantly male, with roughly eight percent being female. The majority of Veterans are single, come from urban areas, and suffer from mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse, and/or other disorders.

With Placer County being central in the region, hosting the Stand Down in Placer County will afford Veterans from neighboring counties, as well as Placer County, access to services and resources they otherwise may not be able to reach.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RESOLUTION 2014-XXX

JULY 8, 2014 IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY VETERANS STAND DOWN BEING HELD TO HELP VETERANS GAIN ACCESS TO NEEDED RESOURCES IN ONE CENTRAL LOCATION.

WHEREAS, the annual Gold Country Veterans Stand Down, sponsored by Gold Country Chaplaincy, is being held September 16-18, 2014 at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville, CA; and

WHEREAS, the term "Stand Down" was developed by the military to grant battle-weary soldiers an opportunity to gather in a relatively safe and secure environment while they take care of their essential needs, rest and recover from the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, for many Veterans, the battles continue long after they come home. They come in the form of homelessness, depression, anxiety and difficulty with readjustment to regular living and working in society. They also come through the frustration of navigating the red tape to access the benefits they have so duly earned; and

WHEREAS, the Stand Down is designed to provide Veterans with the resources, materials and contacts needed to sustain their well-being; and

WHEREAS, while the primary focus is to help homeless Veterans acquire services, the program is available to all Veterans and their families who need access to some type of service to help them with their daily life needs; and

WHEREAS, about twenty percent of the adult homeless population are Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Stand Down is run entirely by volunteers. Professionals and concerned citizens give their time and services to promote the Stand Down philosophy to provide a "hand up", not a hand out to assist our Veterans in getting back on their feet; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states the nation's homeless Veterans are predominantly male, with roughly eight percent being female. The majority of them are single, come from urban areas, and suffer from mental illness, alcohol and substance abuse, and/or other disorders; and

WHEREAS, with Placer County being central in the region, hosting the Stand Down in Placer County will afford Veterans from neighboring counties, as well as Placer County, access to services and resources they otherwise may not be able to reach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports the annual Gold Country Veterans Stand Down with best wishes of success for the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks all Veterans for their service and sacrifice for the freedoms of this great Nation.

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
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