

# Philadelphia STAND DOWN – 2011

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On behalf of the YWCA Greater Harrisburg, I want to thank you for your support for the 2011 Stand Down. As you may know, the expansion to hosting the homeless veterans for two nights added a whole new perspective and layer of planning. The information that we gathered from the “guests” indicated that we met their needs and expectations and everyone received positive feedback. The guests expressed their thanks for everything that was done.

## Some special highlights:

Total guests for the 2 days: 44 (40 men and 4 women)

Volunteers/Presenters (by Day) Fri – 48, Sat – 116, Sun – 19

## Participating Organizations:

YWCA Veterans Employment Programs AND Volunteers HQ 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division - thanks for all your support with set up and tear down and you were fantastic hosts!

VFW District 18/& Ladies Auxiliaries (Posts 6417, 148, 9639, 1718, 1620, 7530, 710, 6704) - Thanks for your work in getting donated clothing and preparing meals.

Also my thanks to Pat Morrow and crew for their help in coordinating the event.

[Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1983](#) - thanks for volunteering

American Legion

AmVets

## Service Providers:

Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time to meet with the homeless veterans. I hope you not only got to meet with the vets, but also had the time to network with other providers. These are the organizations that participated in the event.

Lebanon VA Medical Center  
Veterans

Harrisburg Vets Center

Disabled American

CareerLink/Department of Labor & Industry  
Program

Red Cross

Client Assistance

Vets 4 Vets

Firm Foundation

Step Into Life Ministry

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  
PA CARES/Disability Rights Network

District Justice Shugers, ret. New Visions  
Tomorrow's Hope

Dauphin County Human Services

Blue Star Mom - You hit a home run with the pillows and homemade cookies, thanks again

Barbers - Luther Brice & Mikie Minto

Dauphin County Veterans Affairs - Tom Wasco

## Special Thanks to some “independent” volunteers:

Ben Wright - We were all impressed with your dedication

Kerry Malone

John Awkward

Philadelphia Stand Down - thanks for pitching in and helping to sort clothes!

Pinnacle Health, Patients Accounts - Thanks for all of the clothing and items you donated!

As you can see it was quite an event with a lot of moving parts. Thank you for your patience in working with me and being flexible to accommodate the changing needs at the event. Hopefully, we'll see you all again in January 2012.

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