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Detroit VA to Participate in 2015 Veteran Stand Down, October 7 and 8

Area's largest stand down event typically brings in hundreds of Veterans.

(Detroit, MI) – The Detroit VA Healthcare System will once again co-sponsor the area's largest Stand Down event for Veterans. The 2015 **Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down** will be held October 7 and 8, 2015, at the Detroit Rescue Mission, 3606 E. Forest in Detroit.

The Stand Down has been held since 1997. In 2014, more than 700 Veterans were served at the event. Southeast Michigan Stand Down Inc. is a Michigan 501c3 organization and with the help of the Detroit VA and other organizations such as Forgotten Harvest, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army and Volunteers of America Inc., hundreds of homeless and at-risk Veterans are brought together during this two-day event to receive services.

Veterans stop by to receive everything from a hot meal to a haircut, dental services and mental health counseling.

"It's an event where we not only take care of our most at-risk Veterans in the community, but we also are able to evaluate the needs of our Veteran population here in the area, said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Detroit VA Director. "This is always an incredible event and I'm so proud of our staff who volunteer to help serve these Veterans."

The Stand Down will run 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., on both October 7th and 8th. For more information on the event, click here: <http://www.4vets.org/index.html>.

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About the Detroit VA Healthcare System: *Since 1939, the Detroit VAMC has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>*