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Giving Veterans and their families a hand up and not a hand out is the goal of a Veterans Stand Down in Sioux City, Iowa on August 22, 2014. This event is part of VA's efforts to reach all Veterans and its commitment to ending homelessness.

The Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, Sioux City Vet Center, and area Veterans service organizations sponsor this stand down event for all area Veterans. The term stand down is taken from military terms meaning a respite from combat. In this case, it is a respite from hardships.

Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 PM at the American Red Cross at 4200 War Eagle Drive. Lunch will be served. On-the-spot help including clothing, food distribution, community housing referrals, medical treatment, readjustment counseling, legal assistance, and women Veterans services will be available. Area community agencies partner with VA in making this event possible.

We respect the privacy of the Veterans attending the stand down and would be pleased to provide the press and media with news availability and interviews upon request. Please contact Shirley Redmond, VA Public Affairs Officer, at 605-333-6889.

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