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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 Falls on September 20. This event is part of VA's efforts to reach all Veterans and to fulfill its commitment to ending homelessness.

The Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, Sioux Falls Vet Center, area Veterans service organizations, and community agencies are sponsoring this stand down event for all area homeless Veterans and other Veterans in need. The term stand down is taken from military terms meaning a respite from combat. In this case, it is a respite from the hardships of homelessness and hardships.

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 PM at the VFW Post 628 at 3601 S. Minnesota Ave. Lunch will be served. On-the-spot help including bicycle repair, clothing, community housing referrals, medical and dental treatment, readjustment counseling, legal assistance, and women Veterans services will be available.

Shuttle service is available every half hour beginning at 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM from the Sioux Falls Vet Center at 49th & Oxbow, VOA Dakotas Outreach Center at 14th & Cliff Avenue, and the Union Gospel Mission at 8th & Railroad.

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