2020 Maricopa County StandDown Report
Major Partner Agencies
Maricopa County StandDown

The Maricopa County StandDown is Arizona’s largest outreach event targeting veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Through a partnership with the Arizona State Fairgrounds, the Maricopa County StandDown is held each year in the spring at the Veterans’ Memorial Coliseum and spans 3 days. Over the course of these days, homeless and at-risk veterans are offered shelter beds and other basic needs items such as meals, hygiene products, shower and restroom facilities among other care items needed to recuperate from the conditions of life on the streets.

When their basic needs addressed, homeless veterans are better able to access the services available to assist them in ending their homelessness. Thus, 133 service providers come together to deliver on-site support during the event; all committed to “cutting the red tape” to deliver their services quickly, efficiently and in a veteran-centered framework. Major service providers include AZ Mission of Mercy, Arizona Department of Transportation’s Motor Vehicle Division, City of Phoenix Municipal and other Court systems, Social Security Administration, the Department of Economic Security, and the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

The end of homelessness among veterans begins with housing -which is why we bring housing providers together on-site with beds/units available to get as many veterans off the streets as quickly as possible. StandDown also intervenes, where possible, to prevent homelessness among at-risk veterans throughout the year with its partner agencies.

The Maricopa County StandDown would not be possible without its generous donors, partner agencies and hundreds of dedicated volunteers. We hope you enjoy this report and find it useful in your efforts to end homelessness among veterans throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at next year’s Maricopa County StandDown.

For More Information: https://azhousingcoalition.org/avsa
2020 Maricopa County StandDown Demographics: 2,212 Veterans

Gender

- Male: 83%
- Female: 15%
- Other: 2%
- Refused: 0%
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Housing status

- In housing: 78%
- Transitional housing/GPD: 12%
- Streets and shelters: 10%
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Branch of Service

- Army: 46%
- Marine Corps: 15%
- Navy: 13%
- Air Force: 15%
- Coast Guard: 3%
- National Guard: 2%
- Reserves: 1%
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Discharge Status

- Honorable: 87%
- General: 4%
- Other than honorable: 8%
- Dishonorable: 0%
- Bad Conduct: 0%
- Did not Disclose: 1%
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Age

- 30% 18-30
- 17% 31-40
- 18% 41-50
- 4% 51-60
- 1% 61-70
- 1% 71-80
- 1% 81-90
- 7% Blank

Veterans

- 4% 18-30
- 18% 31-40
- 17% 41-50
- 30% 51-60
- 22% 61-70
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- Food Stamps: 10%
- Employed: 19%
- VA income: 28%
- SSI/SSDI: 23%
- Work off the books: 5%
- Other Pension/Income: 15%
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Disabling Condition

- PTSD: 24%
- HIV: 1%
- Mental Illness: 14%
- Physical Disability: 28%
- Work off the books: 5%
- Military Sexual Trauma: 4%
- Substance Abuse: 7%
- Traumatic Brain Injury: 6%
- Other: 11%
- Other: 5%
Valley of the Sun United Way Volunteers and Guest Guides: 900

Corporate Groups from:
Charles Schwab
Chase
Synchrony
Vanguard
Intel
Copperpoint Mutual
BofA
Mr Cooper
USAA
Union Bank
AZ Mission of Mercy Dental Services

- Completed 80 Dentures, 36 relines, 5 repairs, 2 replace missing teeth and 1 denture adjustment.

- Pre-registered/scheduled 200 Veterans to come back for Dental Treatment on March 7th at Phoenix College Dental Day for Veterans.

- Waitlist with 170 names. The first 21 were given to St. Vincent de Paul so they can get them in for comprehensive treatment. If they are unable to reach those Veterans we will provide them more contacts from our list.
Women Veteran Area

We served 123 women veterans on Thursday and 79 on Friday for a total of 202 women (additional women entered through main entrance)

Volunteers staffing the Women Vet area: 51

Mary Kay provided facials and gave away over 300 products for the 10th year

Self-defense classes provided

61 chair massages were provided

Jazzy Z’s catered 60 meals per day
Court & Legal System

855 veterans received assistance through the courts on several thousand cases /consultations

Maricopa county Superior Court
222 - veterans
137 hearings
238 ex parte orders

One veteran was without his license for the last 24 years due to legal issues in another jurisdiction. Legal matter was resolved, community service performed, driving test was taken and license was restored all on site.
ADOT Motor Vehicle Division

769 Customers Served

671 Transactions Processed

21 Written Tests

13 Road Tests

AVSA covered almost $9,000 in MVD fees via our generous grant from AZDVS.
West Coast Ultrasound

WCUI did a total of 868 procedures.

Thursday: 30 sonographers (26 students, 4 staff)

Friday: 20 sonographers (17 students, 3 staff)

Total: 450 volunteer service hours.
Department of Economic Security

The Family Assistance Administration assisted 264 individuals

Veterans Employment services assisted 26 individuals

DES Central Human Resources served 6 individuals.
Social Security

Claims filed: 77

SSN Cards processed: 156

Other actions, status, BEVE, COA: 85+

Grand total served: 318
Veterans Benefits Administration

295 applications/benefits letters, DD 214 requests
Community Bridges Inc

CBI Veteran Connection 7 Enrolled

CBI TIP/MFRF 4 Referrals-1 Enrolled

CBI GPD 3 Enrolled

CBI SSVF 3 Enrolled
Vision

Readers – 424

Dilated exams (Lions Group) -90

Volunteers – 62

Ages for Readers: 28-89

Ages for Dilated Exams: 19-87

VAMC Eye Clinic sheets given out to approximately 250 veterans so they could call to schedule their Eye Evaluation at the VA
### Housing and Financial Resources – Coordinated by US Vets

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Veterinary Services

Patients examined: 516 (new record)

Surgeries performed: 37

Boarded: 365

Groomed: 59
Community Providers

133 service providers participated in the 2020 Maricopa County StandDown.

14 mental health service providers on site assisted 100’s of veterans

Hygiene Kits: 1500 hygiene kits were distributed

Haircuts: 369
Community Providers

35 veterans seen by the Prostate On-site Project (POP) Van

320 veterans received acupuncture

44 veterans connected with education resources.

Success: A street living veteran from StandDown 2015 was working towards his AA in Business. Stopped attending because he lost license due to abandoned vehicle. License was restored. Manny from GCC was able to enroll him in classes late for this semester.
Meals Provided

Day One:
Sodexo served veterans breakfast: 800
Sodexo served veterans for lunch: 780

Day Two:
Sodexo served veterans breakfast: 400
MFRG-ICON Construction served 1,780 veterans for lunch courtesy of CJ’s Catering and BBQ

VA Voluntary Service purchased 500 burritos from American Legion Post 1, 500 Firehouse subs and 500 Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for a total of 1,500 meals given to service providers and volunteers throughout the event.
For their efforts in ensuring a safe, secure, and efficient event - thank you to the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association and specifically J-Dog for managing the club members that volunteered
Thank you to Fitz Madrid and crew at 98KUPD for fundraising for bridge housing. Through a matching grant from Lerner and Rowe, and the generosity of listeners, AVSA is able to provide bridge housing to veterans in need at the event and throughout the year.
For their ongoing volunteerism year after year, we want to thank the Betty Fairfax High School ROTC Program – with a special shout out to First Sergeant Kevin Henson for coordinating the effort.

Also SSgt Javier Ortiz for coordinating volunteers from Luke Air Force Base.
A special thank you to our organizational donors:

- Alaska Federal Credit Union
- Angry Crab Shack & BBQ
- Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services
- Arizona State Fairgrounds
- Central Arizona Dental Society Mission of Mercy
- Charles Schwab
- City of Phoenix
- Copper State Post 619
- MFRG-ICON Construction
- Sodexo and CJ's Catering and Bar-B-Que
- USAA
- VMLC Charities
This is a volunteer driven event and it can often be thankless work -but we want you to know how truly appreciative we are of all that you do. Special thanks to Barb Sesate for managing all the service providers and to Margaret Dimaggio (and her family/friends/colleagues) for overseeing the bag check area, creating our maps and so much more. To every single person that is involved in the Maricopa County StandDown, in big or small ways, we want to say a very heartfelt thank you! We could not do this without your ongoing support. We also want to thank every veteran that attended the event.