

## Press release for Butte County Stand Down:

The 2022 Butte County Stand Down is coming soon.

**WHERE:** Chico Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave

**WHEN:** ONLY during the following times (There is no sleep-over.):

**Thursday, September 29, 11 AM – 4 PM**

**Friday, September 30, 11 AM – 4 PM**

**Saturday, October 1, 11 AM – 2 PM**

**WHO:** The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 582, is pleased to sponsor the 2022 Veterans Stand Down. This is a collaborative effort by many nonprofits, government, service provider agencies, and volunteers.

During this 3-day event, United States Military Veterans receive guidance on services and resources they may be eligible for, gear, and a hot meal. Information regarding housing, Assistive Technology, counseling, health care, and more is shared. The primary focus is to provide resources for veterans experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless, and veterans facing food insecurity. Last year's event served nearly 200 veterans.

This year, there is an additional opportunity for Veterans (especially aged 60+) to participate in a one-time Listening Session and share their opinion regarding Housing, Transportation, and Health Care in our rural communities. The nonprofit session, sponsored by the Disability Action Center (DAC), [www.actionctr.org](http://www.actionctr.org), in partnership with The SCAN Foundation is scheduled Friday, September 30, 2022, 11:30 AM at the event.

Registration for service providers and volunteers is open at the nongovernment website: [www.buttecountystanddown.org](http://www.buttecountystanddown.org) through Sunday, September 25. Volunteers need not be Veterans. Veterans planning to participate will register at the event the day they attend.

Ron Matheson, VVA Chapter 582 President and Chair of last year's Stand Down states, "If we get one Veteran off the streets and into housing, or a Veteran thinking of Suicide scheduled to see Mental Health Professionals, then it is another success story."

### For attendees:

Attendees must be Veterans of the US Military and may be accompanied by a spouse or caregiver. Proof of Veteran status in the form of a **VA medical card, or photo ID with DD-214**, is helpful. If an attendee does not have a VA medical card or DD-214, providers will be available to check proof of status.

**Transportation** to and from the event throughout Butte County is available. B-line bus #7 stops in front of the Elks Lodge. The # 4 stops at close walking distance. A finalized schedule will be posted to the website closer to the event. Please leave your name and contact phone number with DAC at (530) 715-5366 to receive a call from Stand Down coordinators.

Please stay tuned for more updates.