

Because of You

- With Many Hands



We've Got the Best Volunteers!

Last year, over 250 Volunteers made Stand Down a great event for our Veterans. With a smile and a commitment to service, they made a difference in the lives of 556 Veterans (55 women, 501 men).

They described the new services that weren't available in previous years and were quick to direct guests to the right areas.

The information gathered by our Intake Volunteers puts a smile on our guests and gave us important information in planning the upcoming year. Our goal is to identify and meet the changing needs of our Veteran guests.

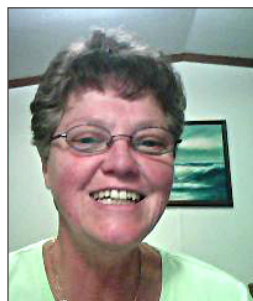
Donna Mills of Spring Valley, our Volunteer Intake Chair, does a great job training, and keeping the Intake running smoothly.



About 20 Volunteers gathered guest housing and demographic information in Intake.

They explained how to use our "Stand Down Guest Program Guide" our Service reference.

**Thank you for
your Service
Intake Volunteers!**



Donna Mills, Intake Chair

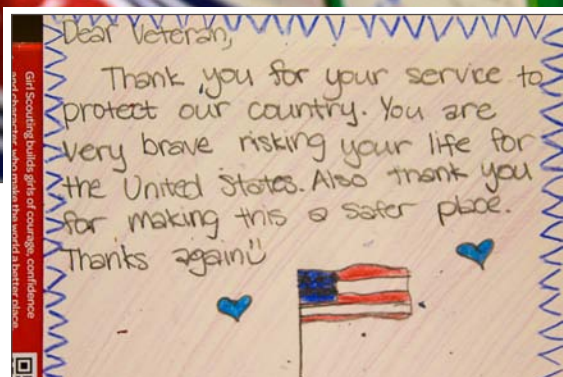
"We're ready to serve more Veterans each year!"

Central Ohio Stand Down News





Event photos by Eric Wilhelm, Columbus VA



Yes... There Were Girl Scout Cookies..

- and with Patriotic Notes Attached!

Did You Know...

★ Need a speaker for your group?

Call/email Dan Willis
(614-855-8328 - office
CentralOhioStandDown@
gmail.com) to set a date!

He works to create awareness and partnerships in the Central Ohio area. Churches, schools, social groups, and business always learning about Stand Down and how they can help.

★ Online Sign-Ups

Provider Sign ups begin in July.

Volunteer online sign ups starts in August.

★ BOGO Thanks

A warm THANKS to all who helped with our **Buy One GIVE One** fundraiser.

Volunteers took advantage of winter sales and purchased new coats and other winter items for our Fall Stand Down.

★ Donate Today!

Use PayPal on our website or contact Dan Willis! 100% of your donation serves our Veterans.

Kim Cullen, a teacher at Arlington Jones Middle School, invited our spokesperson Dan Willis to talk about Stand down with her 8th Grade Class last September.

The students were about to start several Veteran projects and needed to learn how to engage Veterans effectively.

These attentive students also saw a Powerpoint presentation of our Stand Down and learned about the services that we offer each year.

They also learned that we needed new coats for our Veterans. The students started a coat drive for us and donated many new coats that were distributed at Stand Down.



Dan Willis talks to 8th Grade Students of Jones Middle School Arlington

It seems that these students wanted to do even more. They took the time to write personal notes cards to our Veterans and thanked them for their service.

And now for the rest of the story...

We received about 50 cases of Girl Scout Cookies from our Buckeye Military Moms to be given to our guests.

One of the Buckeye Military Moms got the great idea to attach the students' Thank You's to the cookies!

They proved to be a great combination! Special thanks to Kim Cullen and the 8th grade students of Upper Arlington Jones Middle School. And heartfelt thanks to our Buckeye Military Moms who are so generous and creative!

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