

Veterans

We always encourage Veterans to volunteer in service to their fellow Veterans. We find that their support is invaluable!

Female Veterans Ballroom

Stand Down sets aside a ballroom just for our female Veterans where they can receive services designed just for women. The ladies are also invited to join the main area of Stand Down on the first floor.



CENTRAL OHIO VETERANS STAND DOWN is a dynamic Service/Information fair that serves our Veterans in Central Ohio. Our Friends, Volunteers, and Community Partners come together to provide their best for our Veteran Men and Women!

Each year over 250 Volunteers and over 100 Providers serve approximately 600 Veteran guests.

With the increase in women Veterans, we offer more specific services just for them.

This one-day Veterans "Fair" is held annually at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus.



DONATIONS of CASH, New Clothing and House-ware items really help. Hold a coat drive at your place of employment or maybe a golf outing. Ask us about other fundraising ideas.

100% of all donations serve our Veterans!
All Services are Free to Veterans!

Help us help our Veterans!

Questions? Email us at CentralOhioStandDown@gmail.com



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Agency Provider Services:

Over 100 organizations providing life improving services

VA Medical Services:

Nose-to-Toes Checkups, flu Shots, podiatry care, medical information and much more

Flag Program:

Over 1,000 guests and providers recite our Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem

Legal Aid:

Attorneys from the Columbus Legal Aid offer their assistance

Veteran Recreation:

Enjoy recreational activities with other Veterans

Academic & Training:

2 & 4 year, and vocational and technical education insights

Job Opportunities:

Resume writing, career planning, skill assessment, and job placements

Home Essentials:

Housewares and new clothing

Groceries:

Fresh food and snacks!

Haircuts:

A trim lifts the spirits!

Housing:

Assist in finding appropriate housing

Veteran Art & Craft:

Practice artistic skills and learn therapeutic craft creation

Hot Lunch:

Guests enjoy a hot catered meal with a Dairy Queen Blizzard!

Volunteer Opportunities

We have 3 volunteer opportunities at our annual Stand Down.

October 17 - Site Setup - 8:30am - 1:30 - *depending how fast everything comes together.*

Individuals and companies volunteer their time to help set up our 2 spaces at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. To save costs, we set up tables and chairs, dress the stage, put up signage and flags. Once the rooms are set, our providers and social service agencies set up their assigned spaces.

We'll offer special handling for Volunteers involved in site setup on October 17 and tear down on October 18 at 1:30

October 18, Event Volunteers - 7:00am - 2:00pm

Each year we need about 250 volunteers who welcome guests into each of the service areas. Our Volunteers share their smiles with all of our Veteran guests they count heads and explain services being offered in their areas. We can't guarantee groups can work together during the event because we need to cover Volunteer schedules, meal and potty breaks. Our Volunteers, when needed, may help our guests navigate Stand Down. We also have high schools students act as personal concierge when needed.

We can accommodate most special needs.

Volunteers in this group will begin signing up **August 1, 2022** on our web site www.CentralOhioStandDown.org

October 18, Event Tear Down - 1:30 - 3:00 - *this goes pretty fast.*

Again to save money, Individuals and company groups stack tables and stack chairs. They also help to pack up our event supplies

Free Parking and lunch

Free Parking is available in Convention Center garages. We will issue a Parking pass at the end of each day or when they have to leave.

Free lunch is available to the individuals working October 18 only. Our Online registration will ask if they plan to dine with us. This gives me a count for the caterer.