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Stand Down set to battle Veteran Homelessness Sept. 27

ORLANDO, Fla. -- A significant Orlando VAMC and community partner effort to battle homelessness among Orlando's Veterans will converge upon the Downtown Orlando Recreation Center on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 2014 Orlando Stand Down is a one-day event aimed at helping to eliminate homelessness among Orange County's Veteran population. The annual effort furthers the Orlando Healthcare for Homeless Veterans program, which is an extension of the national VA effort to eliminate homelessness among Veterans.

The outreach effort is in conjunction with community partner agencies that serve the homeless, including the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, and other local businesses that offer support to the homeless. The event will take place at 363 North Parramore Avenue in downtown Orlando, will offer a number of immediate-need services including meals, showers, medical care, dental screenings, shelter information, mental health services, counseling, vocational services, haircuts, and much more.

Lynx will provide free transportation on Sept. 27 for Veterans wanting to attend the Stand Down. Veterans may pick up the colored flyer required for transportation at any of Orlando's homeless shelters, or at the Orlando VAMC's Lake Baldwin Outpatient Clinic at 5201 Raymond Street. Only colored flyers can be used for free transportation to and from the Stand Down. For more information contact the Orlando VAMC Public Affairs office at 407-599-1301 or via e-mail at VHAORLPublicAffairs@va.gov.

NOTE: Media interested in covering the event should contact the Orlando VA Medical Center Public Affairs office at 407-599-1301, or via e-mail at VHAORLPublicAffairs@va.gov. On the day of the event contact Mike Strickler at 850-890-2661.