



**Veterans Awareness Center, Foundation**

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Greetings Local Business Agencies,

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend and participate at the annual Veterans Stand Down and Employment Expo scheduled for Friday September 18, 2026, at Schutte Park. The Park is located at 10 Electric Avenue Dover, Delaware. The 2026 event will commence at 8:30 a.m. while the Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and Closing TAPS at 2:00 p.m.

The history of the Veteran Stand Downs held across this Country today, started with three Vietnam Veterans feeling the need for helping other Veterans. The three Veterans located in San Diego began to identify resources to assist with everyday needs. For the past eighteen years the Veterans' Awareness Center Foundation has been committed to finding the resources needed to help our Veterans resolve issues. Whether the issue is housing, food, medical care, child support, mental health or dental services, Service Providers have been a great source of support.

Over the years, Veterans have looked forward to the Stand Down event where they may locate the services needed. During the 2025 Stand Down event over 1500 Veterans and Guests registered. Several veterans registered as "homeless" or "at risk" and were assisted during the Stand Down event! In addition to the services, Veterans were excited for the warm luncheon served. The Stand Down event is organized, planned, and carried out by a 100% Volunteer Committee. The Stand Down is a rollup-your-sleeves-and-serve volunteer event to help those who served our Country.

This September 2026, we are expecting a large group of veterans to attend the Stand Down event, and we simply cannot do it without financial support and in-kind contributions from our community. We are currently seeking contributions from Local Business Organizations to offset the event costs; including the warm meal served for lunch. We hope you will make a generous contribution – All contributions are tax-deductible and may be payable to the Veterans Awareness Center "Stand Down." Contributions may be mailed with the attached form and addressed to the above address. New for 2026 we have included planning for an Employment Expo where we expect over thirty employers will be on board to interview and hire.

"Thank You" in advance for your consideration and commitment to our Delaware Veterans!

If you have additional questions or ideas, please contact the Stand Down Committee at 302-349-4898. All phone calls are returned as expeditiously as possible or contact us by email at [vacfsd@gmail.com](mailto:vacfsd@gmail.com) or [lbjnavcret@hotmail.com](mailto:lbjnavcret@hotmail.com).

Respectfully,

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*The Stand Down Mission is " to assist ALL Veterans to achieve independence through access to information and services "*