

The 2019 Veterans Stand Down will take place on September 20 at the Veterans Campus at 287 West Street in Rocky Hill. Lions conduct eye screening as well as hearing testing during this event each year. Again, this year we need your help more than ever! Many CT Lions that usually volunteer will be attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, which is taking place at the same time in Spokane, WA.

Stand Downs (nationally) are typically one to three-day events, providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA Medical Centers, other government agencies and community-based homeless service providers.

Last year, more than 100 agencies and organizations participated in Stand Down with close to 230 volunteers spread throughout the

campus to assist over 1,000 veterans attending the day-long event. Stand Down is the DVA's signature event providing veterans with medical screenings, eye and hearing exams, and many other support services such as housing, employment, education and legal assistance; all at no cost. In addition, the CT DOT provides free bus transportation at designated areas for veterans that need rides.

These two links provide more information:

[Veterans Stand Down](#)

[You Tube Video Explaining the Event](#)

The event starts at 8:00 am and goes until 2:00 pm. Volunteers also get a free hot lunch! Just a warning: there are long traffic lines getting into the campus near the event start time, so if you want to arrive by 8:00 am, leave early

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at [boulaisj@cox.net](mailto:boulaisj@cox.net).