

## Veteran's Stand Down – 2020

There has been a change in the status of the Veteran's Stand Down. I originally reported in the District Spirit that it had been cancelled but have recently found out that it will still be held, but in a different format. There will be no eye or hearing screenings done by Lions, and the event will be held in multiple locations in CT. District 23B is responsible for handling the event at the Rocky Hill Veteran's home.

The event will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. They are requesting that we provide "personal need" items for the Veterans.

This includes:

Here are some ideas for items needed for Stand Down – we are looking for things to be packaged together so we can hand them out so there is less interaction and folks are not handling items.

Winter items: Hats, Gloves, Coats - couple of groups already working on these Hoodies'

Socks, underwear, T Shirts

Personal Hygiene kits (male and female kits)

COVIDI 19 Personal Hygiene Kits and PPE (hand sanitizer, cloth face masks)

If your club would be able to donate any items for this event, please contact Lion Jim Boulais at [boulaisj@cox.net](mailto:boulaisj@cox.net) or 860-289-7116. I will coordinate getting the items so that they can be handed out the day of the event.

I am also looking for volunteers for that day. This can be done in shifts for day of Stand Down - 5 Lions per shift. Lions will volunteer in 2 shifts - 8:00am - 11:30am and 11:30am - 2:00pm. I think the actual number needed will depend on how many items need to be distributed. Any volunteers should wear a Lions shirt (with logo) and/or a vest. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me as well.

Let us support our Veterans during this pandemic as they need our help more than ever. I thank you in advance.

Lion Jim Boulais  
Veteran's Chair – 23B