

Colorado Springs, CO Chapter Article for Officer Review Magazine

TITLE: October Veterans Administration Sponsored Stand Down

The Colorado Springs (COS) MOWW Chapter supported the 24th Annual El Paso County Colorado Stand Down for homeless veterans on October 18, 2022. Since 1998, the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans has been modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

The Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is a one day event where Homeless & At Risk Veterans are invited to gather in preparation for the approaching Rocky Mountain Winter Months. They are connected with services & opportunities to help them better their lives. Companions Michael Boatner and Richard Peters played an instrumental role in screening 123 veterans to ensure they were connected with the appropriate supporting agency (i.e., VA medical/claims, DD-214, meals & clothing).



Companion Rich Peters Supporting Stand Down connecting veterans with support services.