## Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine

## <u>TITLE: Colorado Springs MOWW Chapter Supports El Paso County, CO Veterans Administration 2024 Stand Down</u>

Chapter Companions participated in the El Paso County Colorado Veterans Administration (VA) Stand Down for 2024 held on October 15. The Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center hosted the event with over 60 volunteer organizations providing services to homeless veterans and veterans needing assistance in preparation for the coming winter. Over 115 homeless veterans received help applying for benefits, securing employment, housing, case management, haircuts, veterinary services, and cold weather gear for the coming winter. VA representatives were available to assist homeless veterans in accessing VA services. Chapter Companions partnered with the Palmer Lake, CO Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Chapter to conduct in processing interviews and link active-duty escorts with homeless veterans to navigate the services available.



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