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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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VA to Hold Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

OMAHA, Neb. – The Department of Veterans Affairs is holding a Stand Down for homeless Veterans Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pershing Auditorium, 226 Centennial Mall South in Lincoln, Neb.

The event is being held in conjunction with Project Homeless Connect.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System staff will provide Veterans who are eligible for VA health care benefits services on the day that include health screening, foot care and eye care.

The VA Regional Office will provide information about non-health care benefits.

There will be other Veteran-related information and assistance available to include bike repair and tax assistance. Legal Aid of Nebraska will provide free legal services.

A free hot lunch will be provided after Veterans have completed their health screening and other services.

A free shuttle is available from the Community Action Partnership, 201 O Street, leaving at 11 a.m. and noon; and from the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, 2121 N. 27th Street, leaving at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Free child care will also be available on site for Veterans who are attending with children.

Stand Down is a military term meaning soldiers are removed from the field of combat to receive rest and rehabilitation.

No alcohol, drugs or weapons will be allowed.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 167,660 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>.

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