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## **VA Seeks Volunteers for Omaha Stand Down**

**OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 3, 2013** — The Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking 150 volunteers to help Veterans who attend the Stand Down outreach event in Omaha Nov. 2.

Deadline to volunteer is Oct. 18. To volunteer, call Desiree Kochen at 402-995-5174 or email [Desiree.Kochen@va.gov](mailto:Desiree.Kochen@va.gov) and leave your name, contact number and the number of people in your group who wish to participate.

The Stand Down provides a one-stop resource for homeless Veterans to access VA and other community resources at the Civic Center Exhibition Hall, 1804 Capitol Ave, Omaha.

Volunteers are needed to assist with escorting Veterans to the myriad stations at the event. Stand Downs provide Veterans a variety of resources to include VA health care screening, haircuts, foot massages, assistance with benefits, free clothing and a hot meal.

Volunteers must be 15 years or older.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes, since there is a lot of walking involved.

### **About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**

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 NWHCS employees serve more than 161,000 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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