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Portland Veterans Stand Down to serve over 400 vulnerable veterans on 9/11, a national day of service & remembrance

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; program from 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

WHERE: Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 300 N. Winning Way, Portland, Oregon

WHO: Portland Commissioner Joanne Hardesty; Multnomah County Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Lori Stegmann and Susheela Jayapal; Veteran Services Representatives from the offices of Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wieden; VA Associate Directory Bernard Deazley; Transition Projects staff, 130 volunteers, and 150+ program services and employment representatives available for veterans to visit.

WHAT: This one-day event – the largest in Oregon – will assist more than 400 veterans in need by offering access to essential social services, employment opportunities, housing, medical care, legal assistance, clothing, pet services, and much more. Women veterans continue to be a focus and the powerful “I am not Invisible” photo display of 36 Oregon women who have served in the military will be exhibited.

SPONSORS: Medal of Honor (Presenting sponsor): The Boeing Company

Silver Star: Banfield Pet Hospital, Bishops, Comcast, Elephants Deli, Kaiser Permanente, Starbucks

Legion of Merit: AARP, adidas, Allied Universal, Amazon, CareOregon, Kate Lieber & Monique Matheson, Elisabeth & Peter Lyon, Multnomah County, New Seasons, John & Brenda Osborn, Bruce & Jan Prunk, Arlene Schnitzer, Brian & Diane Terrett, Washman Car Washes, West Architects

ABOUT THE STAND DOWN: In war time, exhausted combat troops were removed from battlefields to places of security and safety for rest and recovery. At home, Stand Down refers to grassroots, community-based interventions designed to help the nation’s estimated 39,471 homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets.

ABOUT TRANSITION PROJECTS: Transition Projects exists to help people transition from homelessness to housing. With five decades of experience providing shelter, housing and supportive services for very low-income people, we are recognized across the region for our work with veterans, women, people with disabilities, and other highly vulnerable groups. Founded in 1969, our team of over 300 assists more than 10,000 people each year through programs designed to help people survive the streets, find housing, and retain their housing. Each year, more than 1,000 people find safe, affordable housing in the four-county area with our support. We are also the largest provider of publicly funded shelter services in Oregon, serving more than 750 women, men, and couples each night. Finally, through our Resource Center located in Old Town, we serve nearly 500 people daily, 365 days-a-year, with services ranging from hygiene and medical support to shelter and housing assistance.

TRANSITION PROJECTS VETERAN SERVICES: Over the past four years, our Veteran Services team has spearheaded local efforts to end veteran homelessness in the Portland metro area. While tremendous progress has been made, much work remains. Today, Transition Projects and our partners continue to reach out to homeless veterans throughout the metro area and provide them with the support they need to secure and retain safe, affordable housing. For more about Transition Projects and our Veterans Services, please visit www.tprojects.org.

Additional Resources: <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/veteran-homelessness/>

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