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2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down- Port Arthur

BEAUMONT, TX, February 28, 2017 - The *2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down-Port Arthur* will be held, Friday, June 16, 2017, at the Robert A. “Bob” Bowers Civic Center, 3401 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur, Texas, Port Arthur, TX from 9am to 4pm. This is a free event that will provide homeless veterans, veterans and veteran families with access to specialized services, resources and assistance.

The 2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down – Port Arthur is a collaborative effort among local veterans’ groups, military societies, veteran-related organizations & agencies, nonprofits, the City of Port Arthur, faith-based organizations and community members that have joined together to remind our local veterans, that they are not alone.

Attendees of the 2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down-Port Arthur will receive assistance and/or information about employment, housing opportunities, legal assistance, as well as, information pertaining to VA benefits, health screenings, counseling, food, free clothing, hygiene kits and other related services.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 39,471 veterans are homeless on any given night. “Imagine walking through the woods every night, looking for a place to pitch your tent or walking the streets all day begging for change, so that you may eat a hot meal for the first time in days.”, said LJ Robinson Jr., member of the 2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down- Port Arthur Steering Committee and a retired PAISD educator and Army veteran. “This is the reality of homeless veterans that have fought for our freedom and now feel like they’ve been forgotten.”

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During war-time, Stand Downs are when exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields and sent to a place of security and safety. Early Stand Downs allowed military members to take care of personal hygiene, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, and fellowship in a safe environment.

Volunteers are needed for the 2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down-Port Arthur. Volunteers assisting with the Golden Triangle Stand Down-Port Arthur will be giving the veterans that sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and are now in need, time to rest and regain their strength. Those interested should contact Chester R. Jourdan Jr., Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Army veteran and member of the 2017 Golden Triangle Stand Down- Port Arthur Steering Committee at (409) 832-1644 or chester.jourdan@redcross.org.

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