More than 2 million military service members have been deployed since Sept. 11, 2001. Many serve multiple tours in combat zones thousands of miles from home. Their families serve too, managing challenges and opportunities unique to the military lifestyle. Unfortunately, many of these veterans and their families struggle with re-entry. Too many end up short of resources and homeless.

Thanks to you, we are helping improve the lives of these service members, veterans and their families in our community. A number of community organizations have banded together to host a Stand Down for homeless, almost homeless and unemployed veterans and their families.

During times of combat a Stand Down was a time and place away from the battlefield where soldiers could rest from combat and take care of personal hygiene, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, and enjoy the camaraderie of battle buddies in a safe environment.

Stand Downs afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. Stand Downs in the community allow veterans to rest from the combat of homelessness and receive services and resources. The local Stand Down will be held on [DATE, TIME AND LOCATION]. We thank you for your donation of [DONATION HERE]. This will benefit our homeless veterans and their families and honor their service.

Thank you,