Sunday, August 13, 2006 Schedule of Events

0630–1200	Showers 0630-0700 Tents D-F 0700-0730 Tents G-I 0730-0800 Tents J-L 0800-0830 Tents M-O 0830-0900 Tents P-R 0900-0930 Tents S-U 0930-1000 Tents V-end 1000-1030 Tents A-C 0800-1030 Tents A-C 0800-0830 Tents M-O 0830-0900 Tents P-R 0900-0930 Tents S-U 0930-1000 Tents V-end 0900-1030 Tents P-C 0800-0830 Tents P-R 0900-0930 Tents S-U 0930-1000 Tents V-end 0900-0930 Tents S-U 0900-0930	0830–1000 0830 0815 0830	Faith Services TIPI: American Indian Prayer Ceremony STAGE: Gospel Music Catholic Divine Services Father Augustine
0700–0830	BREAKFAST Females/Children Tent(s) always first Tents S–U Tents D–F Tents M–O Tents V–end? Tents G–I Tents P–R Tents A–C Tents J–L Military & Volunteer Staff always last (exceptions: Safety Teams/Entertainment)	0900 0830 1100–1300	Protestant Divine Services Chaplain Lyn Juckniess Chaplain Hugh Keigh CHAPEL TENT: Rabbi Rick Winer is available Closing Ceremonies
0700–0830	Mandatory Stand Down Survey (Attendance is mandatory, participation is voluntary).	1330	COLORS MG Dan Helix BG Barton Gilbert
CAMP COOK'S MENU: BREAKFAST		1400–1600	Departures

Hygiene Kits

Tent Leaders – Pick up hygiene for each veteran in your tent. They are available Saturday and Sunday at the Hygiene Tent (Showers). The kit includes toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap and shampoo.

EBSD Stats

Employment

Total registered in camp – 399

Employment	Percent
Employed	9.0
Unemployed	76.0
Retired	16.0
Military Branch	Percent
Army	48.0
Navy	26.0
Air Force	11.0
US Coast Guard	1.0
US Marine Corp	14.0
Education	Percent
Less than high school	5.0
High school graduate	36.0
Post high school education	60.0
Ethnic Background	Percent
Caucasian	27.3
Afro-American	59.4
Hispanic	6.6
Asian-American	1.0
Pacific Islander/Hawaiian	0.3
Native American	3.5
Alaskan Native	0.0
Other	0.3
No response	1.4
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Courtesy of Danville Lions Club

Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns

Fresh Fruit

Orange Juice

Bread and Butter, Pastries

"Sack Lunches" will be provided.

Two special visitors, over the last few days, verified what we have known since 1999 - that EBSD is the most successful and ambitious event for homeless veterans in the country.

Elizabeth Nunez, DMD and Director of VA's Homeless Veterans Dental Program, spent several days visiting our site. She was very impressed. "I can see why they wanted to come to the East Bay Stand Down. This is very impressive."

Joining Nunez was Carol Yahimo, a dental hygienist and Assist Director of this program. Both are from Bay Pines, Florida.

Dental Service again proved to be a very popular commodity in camp. Through yesterday 279 veterans had registered for services. Community support of EBSD accounted for 47 patients receiving outside appointments throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

One individual actually had 22 teeth extracted yesterday. Previously, a 2004 EBSD participant had 11 teeth extracted.



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All the news that fits, we print.

Welcome to East Bay Stand Down 2006!

Local organization provides wheelchairs for East Bay Stand Down participants

The Wheelchair Foundation of Danville contributed six new wheelchairs which were provided to veterans attending the Stand Down. Foundation Chief Executive David Behring also turned up Saturday morning to help serve breakfast.

Since being established six years ago, the Foundation has provided more than 500,000 wheelchairs in 145 countries around the world, and is supporting the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley with their "Wheelchairs to Vietnam" project the fall.

World War II veteran, homebuilder and philanthropist Ken Hoffman recently joined founder Ken Behring in contributing \$1 million each to launch the current effort to send 20,000 wheelchairs to Mexico.

They hope to provide a million more wheelchairs in the next five years as part of their effort to provide "Hope, Mobility and Freedom" around the globe.

It is easy to believe. EBSD 2006 has

been building to a crescendo for over tow days. It is more difficult to realize the event draws to a close with the retiring of colors at 1300 sharp. The four-day experience by all accounts has been a raving success. Despite near tripledigit temperatures Wednesday during setup, the least of the problems in camp turned out to be weather. Yes, weather progressively cooled ... maybe to the point that early

morning hours found most participants huddled by the open campfire. Most notable was the positive reaction of locating this year's event at the grass-covered and treestrewn Alameda County Fairgrounds. All participants were equally appreciative of the setting.



At one point more than 409 veterans and dependants had been registered and accepted into camp. Several participants did decide to leave of their own accord. Final count included 399 in camp, including 16 women and 2 children.

At last count 1134 volunteers trekked to Alameda County Fairgrounds to share in a

tremendous labor of love. Whether they were former military or non-veteran just willing to share part of their summer, more than a thousand stepped up to provide a variety of labor and services to ensure camp success.

Mark your calendars ... East Bay Stand Down 2008 will begin on August 8, 2008.



Hope

By Michael Smith

There was a time when I knew I had value. A time when to myself I was true. But then, one day, to myself I lied And something inside me silently died.

I've only now begun to know the forces I set loose when I conveniently accepted the first damned excuse.

What was once lofty, all hopes and dreams left ... leaving only sadness and schemes. The face I shaved was never again the same In the mirror ... who's that? What's my name? So much shame!

But through Gods Grace I reached out for help While I was still able to reach for myself. The race may not go to the swift or the strong, But I'll never know if I don't hang on! There may be no trophy at the finish line But having finished at all can be a process Divine.

I haven't a clue as to what will happen from here! But, with renewed hope I will persevere. Victory probably won't come overnight, I know I'm in for one hell of a fight. But I intend to never again be the man so Far, but yet, so near ...







East Bay Stand Down The Youngsters light up Stand Down

By Ruth Masayko, Activities Coordinator

Alex Elfers, daughter of U.S. Army 1st Sgt Kevin Elfers, is one fantastic young lady! She is a voracious reader, writes poetry and has earned a Black Belt in martial arts.

Alex volunteers at the Activities Tent and in addition to that work she has set up book shelves, played games with participants, helped participants through the chow line and has run hundreds of errands! Most importantly Alex spent time visiting with the participants and giving them her undivided attention. She said, "I never thought community service could be so fun!"

Thank you, Alex!





A U.S. Veteran's Poem for World Peace

Youthfulness is courage

A time to grow, to set goals, to dream.

I once dreamed during the 60's Bay Area Social Revolution for a world of peace ... Flower children, gray panthers, black panthers and social consciousness against the war in Viet Nam.

My youthfulness aged as I became a veteran and homeless citizen ... My dream for world peaces is alive with youthful vitality.

EBSD of 06 has revitalized my life force to keep hope alive that world peace is achievable because we must learn War is not the answer.

If we communicate life to life sincere dialogue continuously peace can be a basic human right for people of starship Earth.

Starship Earth is still growing and developing like all entities in our Galaxy. The human being has the universal foundation to change. Change is the only thing constant in life. And it is with change that we grow to understand peace, love and human understanding are rights. Aloha

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