

- Tue, Aug 9, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley

Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA

- Community Members can Volunteer & Support the largest Homeless Veteran encampment program - EAST BAY STAND DOWN - September 15 to 18.

Over 2,500 Community Volunteers will be needed to support the 2016 event for these near 500 Veterans.

As noted above... a great place to find out more about EBSD in person is at the final public / community information & planning meeting on Tuesday - August 9th at 6PM at the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley - located in Danville at 400 Hartz Avenue.

A wide variety of VOLUNTEER support areas are needed & can be viewed online. More information about EBSD - VOLUNTEERING & official "Advance VOLUNTEER Registration" at East Bay Stand Down 2016 can be found on the official website - [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)

Community Volunteer Registration is now OPEN for Individuals / Organizations / Churches / Non-Profits / Clubs / Corporations / Small & Large Businesses / Service Groups & Neighborhoods to "VOLUNTEER" and Support the largest community supported Homeless Veteran encampment program - EAST BAY STAND DOWN - scheduled for this September 15th through 18th at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton.

Near 500 certified U. S. Military Veterans - who are "vetted" by the V.A. in-advance and who are "homeless" or "have fallen on very hard times" & are "at risk" - living on someone's couch or in their car - will have the opportunity to receive special passes to attend & participate in this 24-hour a day - four-day encampment program. Priority will be given to Veterans who have never attended a Stand Down and Veterans who "slipped through the system" and not registered with the V.A. Health Care and/or V.A. Benefit System. Veterans will be prioritized during the "vetting" process and participants will move-in to the EBSD encampment for the 4-day program (no ins & outs). This is a safe & secure encampment with no drugs - no alcohol - no fighting - no theft & total respect for all participants & volunteers.

A wide range of services & programs these Veterans have "earned" will be offered in a one-stop shopping & service environment... including: new sleeping bags - clothing - shoes & 3 great meals each day sponsored & served by supporting organizations. Medical Care will be supervised & provided by the Veterans Administration & the U. S. Military. Spiritual Support is available, in addition to programs such as AA & NA plus an opportunity to relax in a safe environment while taking advantage of a wide variety of community service & support programs, including DMV, Social Security, Housing, Veteran Benefits, Legal, V.A. Mental Health, & most V.A. Medical Clinics... all at one location during the 4-day program. All "Participants" stay inside the encampment (with no ins & outs) for the entire four days to participate in the full program & obtain all services provided. Stand Down is a term used during the War to fall back to the rear for rest & recovery from the daily routine. EBSD is a safe & secure closed encampment program "think M.A.S.H." & is operated by the community - V.A. & U. S. Military & many sponsoring & supporting organizations. EBSD started in 1999 by the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo with the support of the V.A. & others. 2016 Sponsors can be found on the website in addition to the current "wish list" of needs, and names & contact information for the "all-volunteer" Coordinators organizing each specific area of the Camp.

Get your group - business - friends together to volunteer. Help is also needed the week prior to the start of the program

to assist in setting-up the camp at the Fairgrounds, along with the U.S. Military Reserves, and of course Volunteers needed 24 hours a day during the 4-day program - and after the completion of the program on Sunday afternoon... Volunteers will be needed for 3 to 4 days to assist in the break-down of the encampment & returning the area to its original condition at the fairgrounds. There is something for everybody... and you should find - this is one of the most rewarding community programs you will ever be involved with. Volunteers return every other year to help out for a short while or the entire time at EBSD. This is truly a great event to help Veterans in the bay area who proudly served our nation in uniform.

We take great pride in providing a safe environment to respectfully serve these Veterans and one of our objectives is to "Provide a Helping Hand-Up" to these worthy Veterans... "Not a Handout" and we encourage you to join us in honoring their service & help them "turn the corner" with a fresh start in life.

Our thanks for taking the time to review this amazing community service project... East Bay Stand Down.