



**It is the Soldier, not the minister**

**Who has given us freedom of religion.**

**It is the Soldier, not the reporter**

**Who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the Soldier, not the poet**

**Who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer**

**Who has given us freedom to protest.**

**It is the Soldier, not the lawyer**

**Who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

**It is the Soldier, not the politician**

**Who has given us the right to vote.**

**It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,**

**Who serves beneath the flag,**

**And whose coffin is draped by the flag,**

**Who allows the protester to burn the flag.**

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**EAST BAY STAND DOWN**



**Alameda County  
Fairgrounds**



**Sept. 13-16, 2018**

**HELPING DISPLACED,  
HOMELESS AND NEEDY  
VETERANS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES.**



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A community is often judged by how well it takes care of its own. Serving those who have served our Nation is the primary goal of the East Bay Stand Down (EBS D).

On any given night, across this nation, there may be as many as 40,000 homeless Veterans. Additionally, there may be as many as 1.4 million at-risk Veterans.

Many of these Veterans suffer from physical injuries and mental health issues, frequently from both.

After separation from the Armed Services, in an attempt to get treatment, many Veterans have gotten lost in a bureaucratic and frustrating maze. They have yet to receive a proper diagnosis, treatment, and/or the care they need, deserve, and have earned.

This often leads to loss of their self-esteem, substance abuse, break up of family relationships, and hardships for the children of these Veterans. Suicide, or worse, are all too common in many instances.

The East Bay Stand Down, is a four (4) Day event, held every 2 years, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, in Pleasanton, CA. It brings together 350 of the Bay Area's homeless and at risk military veterans, connecting them with the services they need, to break this vicious cycle of homelessness and despair.

Hosted by a consortium of community organizations, the EBSD provides a broad spectrum of services to these Veterans. Psychological, medical, dental, and other care are available at the EBSD, along with counseling services for substance abuse, legal issues, spiritual needs, and employment opportunities. In addition, follow up, rehabilitation and housing options are available for participants, after the close of EBSD.

Since the first East Bay Stand Down, held in 1999, our goal has been to provide a respite for the homeless and at risk Veterans' from their daily environment. Approximately 5,000 Veterans, and their families, have benefitted from this event. These Stand Downs, and others like it across the

Country, have proven to be effective in breaking the cycle of homelessness and despair.

The fiduciary agent for the EBSD is the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation (DVVF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, IRS tax identification 26-3198472. If a financial gift is granted, please make the check payable to the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation -EBS D, and mail to P.O. Box 2133, Danville, CA 94526.

There are no paid positions associated with the DVVF and the EBSD. All monies raised for the EBSD are used to support Veterans and administrative costs associated with the event. Donations may be tax deductible.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

