



Disabled
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IMPACT REPORT

Health and Comfort Program
2nd Quarter 2017
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DVNF exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our nation's safety and freedom.

2017 2nd Quarter Summary



Highlights

- This quarter DVNF implemented its new GIK strategy, increasing its impact by sending two smaller loads per month instead of one large load. Shipment locations cover the map, ranging from the Gulf Coast to the East Coast to the Midwest. **Compared to last quarter, DVNF has reached over 1,000 more disabled veterans and veterans in need!**
- DVNF gained a stellar program partner in its first-time collaboration with Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Be sure to check out the great photos!
- While feedback is still being gathered from the Buffalo VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans stand down (which was attended by over 580 veterans!) it will be worth the wait as this program partner never disappoints in showing high veteran impact!

2nd Quarter Shipments

05 Bay Pines, FL	\$89,409
06 Camp Lejeune, NC	\$149,688
07 Knoxville, TN	\$72,163
08 Aurora, IL	\$178,158
09 Kansas City, MO	\$60,542
11 Buffalo, NY	\$65,386
12 Johnston, RI	\$67,960

TOTAL \$683,307

YTD TOTAL \$1,138,751

This Quarter

2,100+

Veterans
Served

1,536

Comfort Kits
Distributed

2

Stand Downs
Attended

1

Corporate
Shipment

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System

Bay Pines, FL



Florida veterans benefit from DVNF load

April 8 was a beautiful day in Bay Pines, Florida, which served as a perfect backdrop to the Bay Pines VA Homeless Stand Down! Program Director Blossom Kapper was thrilled with the turnout of 529 veterans, which exceeded their projections by more than 20%. The response was attributed to the...

- Growth of their homeless program and outreach.
- HUD/VA partnership with the local Housing Authority.
- Volunteers who diligently marketed the event throughout the community.

The Bay Pines VA's dedication to at-risk veterans is reflected in their commitment to "reach out to homeless veterans until the effective end of homelessness." Because of this, primarily street homeless or those residing in VA/non-VA shelters benefited from DVNF's generous donation of high-quality men and women's clothing.

A total of 281 homeless veterans were blessed by DVNF's load. Of these, 59 were women. One woman was so pleased with the lovely Talbot items that she tried them on over her own clothes!

After the unsheltered/VA-sheltered veterans had gone through DVNF's distribution station, veterans who had received assistance from Employment Services during the stand down also were permitted to choose "employment clothing" suitable for a job interview or work.

With more than 30 additional program partners attending this well-planned and highly organized event, veterans also received resources and services that included housing opportunities, Bay Area Legal Aid, healthcare, meals, haircuts, feet washing, and much more!

"On behalf of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of clothing items for the homeless stand down.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events."

—Nathan Witt, Voluntary Service Chief



"It is an honor to be part of an event where we can give and offer so many resources. I was overwhelmed with emotion as I watched veterans pour into the event, and many of them benefited from DVNF's gifts, bringing smiles to many. Thank you for being a partner in our stand down!"

—Blossom Kapper, stand down coordinator



This woman was so pleased with the Talbot clothes, that she tried on items right over her own clothes!



Three volunteers oversaw the DVNF distribution tables and assisted veterans in being judicious with their selections. All the men's t-shirts were snapped up right away!



The men's and women's shoes were a big hit! By the end of the stand down, most of the items were gone.

"The items donated by DVNF are still helping veterans. From the few shoes and clothing items leftover from the stand down, I just provided clothes and shoes to lady veteran going for a job interview. Thanks for everything you people do."

—Edgardo Solivan, voluntary service specialist



\$89,409

**BAY PINES,
FL**

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Men's Shoes - Polo Brand	43	\$4,289.04
Men's Cargo Pants - Blackhawk Brand	234	\$9,041.76
Men's Long-sleeved Shirts - Blackhawk Brand	240	\$10,797.60
Leather Duffel Bag - Polo Brand	82	\$33,947.59
Assorted Women's Clothing - Talbots Brand	320	\$13,056.00
T-shirts - DC Brand	624	\$13,728.00
Women's Shoes	164	\$4,549.36



Onward to Opportunity

Camp Lejeune, NC

Veterans receive suits for career opportunities

When 57 Camp Lejeune servicemen arrived at Onward to Opportunity's suit distribution event courtesy of Jos. A. Bank and DVNF on Saturday, May 6, they were overwhelmed by the high-quality selection of men's clothing.

Onward 2 Opportunity (O2O) is a training and career placement service for transitioning service members that provides training and testing for certifications in a variety of careers. After graduation, O2O works with graduates to ensure job placement.

Program Director Amy Taft shared how well the O2O graduation service went on Friday, May 19, and she appreciated DVNF's Chief Executive Officer, Joe VanFonda (USMC Sgt. Major, Ret.) sharing an encouraging message with the graduates and spending time interacting with them after the service.

Since the May 6 distribution, 23 additional veterans have received suits, for a current total of 81 recipients. An additional distribution from this load is planned for the next graduating class around Veterans Day 2017.



\$149,688

CAMP LEJEUNE, NC

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Men's Socks	155	\$4,572.50
Men's Dress Pants	160	\$13,440.00
Men's Blazers	160	\$25,400.00
Men's Dress Shirts	130	\$6,108.70
Men's Shoes	143	\$19,768.68
Men's Belts	122	\$7,259.00
Men's Leather Jackets	51	\$11,461.87
Men's Pants	144	\$24,660.00
Men's Suits	51	\$30,498.00
Men's Long-sleeved Shirts	70	\$2,765.00
Men's Sweaters	90	\$3,735.00



Volunteers of America — Knoxville

Knoxville, TN

Rural Tennessee veterans benefit from DVNF shipment

Knoxville's Volunteers of America (VOA) branch is home to the region's SSVF program and also sponsors the annual Knoxville Area Stand Down, with whom DVNF has partnered multiple times.

Since Knoxville's first stand down in 2000, the event has been held almost every year. This year, however, Clyde Vincent, senior program manager at VOA, decided instead to hold four smaller events: health clinics in Newport and Athens, as well as mini-stand downs in Middlesboro, KY, and Tazewell, TN. This allows VOA to

expand their reach, targeting the veterans in rural areas who often go unnoticed.

To do this, VOA is joining with Remote Area Medical, a nonprofit mobile medical clinic. Together they are providing free healthcare and material necessities via DVNF to veterans in need.

VOA's first event was held at Newport's Cocke County High School on June 10-11, and over 100 veterans received medical care, Comfort Kits, and brand new clothing.

After the Newport event, Clyde shared, "The Comfort Kits provided many veterans with items so that they need not use their limited funds, which for one elderly veteran in particular was a big relief. Many of the veterans who attended were barely getting by on their disability or Social Security Income."

The next clinic will be held July 8-9 in Athens at McMinn High School.



\$72,163

KNOXVILLE, TN

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Caps	225	\$2,558.81
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,299.84
Men's Long-sleeved Shirts - Blackhawk Brand	288	\$12,957.12
Men's Boots - Muk Luks Brand	6	\$371.90
Men's Heavy Duty Jackets	37	\$4,619.82
Men's Cargo Pants - Blackhawk Brand	366	\$14,142.24
Men's Long-sleeved Denim Shirts	15	\$365.33
Men's Socks - Muk Luks Brand	700	\$17,848.25



Aurora Veterans Advisory Council

Aurora, IL



DVNF reaches 500+ veterans through Vets Week Aurora

This year's second annual Vets Week Aurora fundraiser, put on by the Aurora Veterans Advisory Council (AVAC), kicked off its 10-day string of special events on May 20. DVNF was part of that lineup, joining with the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry to co-sponsor AVAC's Day of Giving on May 23.

AVAC was established in Aurora, IL, in 2012 to address the needs of local veterans of all generations and conflicts. It currently supports Hope for Tomorrow, a transitional home for recovering addicts, and has built a monument to Aurora's fallen soldiers. Future goals include helping fund an

assisted-living home for veterans and gifting service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD.

In order to fund these projects, AVAC depends heavily on community donations received during its Vets Week fundraiser. Last year, AVAC raised \$30,000, and if they reach their current goal—\$50,000—it will go a long way toward meeting needs in the veteran community.

Just a few of this year's Vets Week festivities included a picnic and concert in the park, a 5K run, and a parade. Thanks to DVNF, the Day of Giving was a highlight among

those events. DVNF sent a generous amount of Comfort Kits, high quality clothing, and other toiletries for Aurora's veterans in need. Both veterans and veterans organizations including the American Legion, AM VETS, VFW, and Hope for Tomorrow came out to the giveaway. DVNF staff members Delese Harvey and Leander Brereton traveled to Aurora to meet the passionate AVAC team and personally hand out the essentials DVNF provided.

Because of AVAC's connections in the veteran community, DVNF's goods had maximum impact, reaching 500+ veterans.



“We are very grateful for the generous provision of blankets, clothing, and hygiene products. The cargo pants in particular immediately became a favorite of our veterans. Thank you for your support.”

**—Jane Tyschenko, Executive Director,
Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans**



Delese Harvey fills this disabled veteran's DVNF Comfort Kit with extra lotion.



Two women browse the selection of high-quality Talbots clothing and shoes.



These men from local veteran organizations look through the cargo pants and blankets.



“Thank you to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation on such an outstanding gesture to help our veterans. God bless you for all you do!”

—James Butler, Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233



\$178,158

**AURORA,
IL**

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Emergency Blankets	256	\$5,352.32
Caps - JT Brand	744	\$19,650.90
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
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Insect Repellent - Sawyer Brand	1,440	\$10,749.60
Men's Long-sleeved Shirts - Blackhawk Brand	480	\$21,595.20
Men's Long-sleeved Shirts - Blackhawk Brand	288	\$12,957.12
Men's Cargo Pants - Blackhawk Brand	354	\$13,678.56
Shea Butter Moisturizer -vNadinola Brand	812	\$2,208.64
Moccasin Shoes - Bamboo Brand	216	\$5,949.72
Deep Cleansing Soap - Arta Brand	372	\$1,292.70
Socks fleece 2 pair - Muk Luks Brand	376	\$5,175.64
Neutrogena Sunscreen	2,304	\$20,160.00
Women's Clothing - Talbots Brand	305	\$19,632.09



Note: The value on this shipment is higher because DVNF wished to send a larger load to Aurora. To stay within budget, NBE saved a total of \$17,000 from previous loads, which was added to the already budgeted \$13,750, granting DVNF about \$30,000 to spend on this shipment. DVNF also did not have to pay shipping as Aurora provided it free of charge.

Heart of America Stand Down

Kansas City, MO

DVNF sends shipment to Midwest

Founded in 1993, the Heart of America Stand Down Foundation was a response to the growing number of homeless veterans on the streets of Kansas City, with the hope of bringing comfort and care to the veterans who have served our country with honor and who struggle after returning home.

On Friday, June 2, the foundation provided over 400 local veterans with a hot meal and services offered by 27 vendors, who shared information on health, employment, clothing, toiletries, housing, and more.

A highlight of the event was DVNF's distribution of shoes, caps, raincoats, pants, t-shirts, and jerseys, all of

which the veterans gladly and gratefully received. Tables were set up with these items, and vets were accompanied by volunteer escorts who helped them make their selections and then load them into their duffel bags.

Event coordinator Stacey Johnson-Cosby shared, "The shipment from DVNF was an absolute blessing for our organization which has hosted stand downs for 25 years. With extremely low inventory, we were in trouble this year. Without the shipment, we would not have had enough items for the over 400 veterans that came looking for help. I am proud of the fact that we could provide brand new clothing to those

who have served our country. They deserve the best. And that is exactly what we got. The entire shipment was in style and excellent quality, We are forever grateful for your generosity to Kansas City's homeless veterans."



\$60,542

KANSAS CITY, MO

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Moccasin Shoes - Bamboo Brand	545	\$15,012.03
Caps - JT Brand	500	\$13,206.25
Men's Raincoats - Galetton Brand	59	\$2,704.71
Men's Cargo Pants - Blackhawk Brand	120	\$4,648.80
Men's Pants Casual and Dress Pants	275	\$8,692.75
Men's Raincoats	24	\$1,100.22
White T-shirts - Munsingwear Brand	999	\$11,573.42
Men's Short-sleeved Jerseys	444	\$3,604.17



Buffalo VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans

Buffalo, NY

DVNF sends shipment to stand down at Coca-Cola Field

On June 23, Buffalo VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) held its annual stand down at the city's minor league baseball home, Coca-Cola Field.

This event, always heavily attended, is a major part of HCHV's mission to help veterans overcome the stigma of homelessness and remove all barriers to re-integrating into the community.

In 2016 HCHV assisted over 350 veterans in its HUD-VASH and transitional housing programs, and

every month they see scores of veterans come through their downtown office/service center to do laundry, take showers, use the internet, or make calls.

Earlier this year, however, the office flooded, and though they were able to find a temporary workspace, their cramped quarters left them without a drop-off point for the community donations they depend on. Stand down coordinator Alicia Sholtz contacted DVNF and explained HCHV was in dire need of toiletries, specifically requesting

DVNF's Comfort Kits. DVNF sent more than enough Kits, and two pallets of clothing, to cover the 580 veterans who came to the event.

In addition to the typical stand down services they offer every year, HCHV provided bike repairs, a chance to participate in a bike raffle, information regarding service dogs, and free baseball tickets to each veteran who attended the stand down.



\$65,386

BUFFALO, NY

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,299.84
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,334.40
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Men's Jackets - Dickies Brand	46	\$1,902.79
Men's Casual Pants and Shorts - Chaps Brand	43	\$1,149.93
Garnier Shampoo	559	\$2,050.13
Crest Toothpaste	1,100	\$1,254.00
Eucerin Wash Body	1,100	\$517.00



Operation Stand Down Rhode Island

Johnston, RI

Rhode Island partners with DVNF for overnight event

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI) is partnering with DVNF for its second consecutive year to bring aid to veterans in need who will be attending its annual stand down September 15-17.

Established in 1993, OSDRI is the primary nonprofit resource for homeless and low income veterans in Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, providing for basic human needs and life-changing social services including transitional and permanent housing, employment readiness training, and placement assistance.

As part of OSDRI's mission to end veteran homelessness, the organization hosts a massive weekend stand down every September, connecting veterans from across Rhode Island with dozens of service providers.

OSDRI, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, sets up a military style encampment at Diamond Hill Park, and then buses in homeless and at-risk veterans from across the state. Each veteran is assigned a cot and issued a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, towel, backpack, and a number of other items useful to him

throughout the weekend.

Per the request of stand down organizer Dee DeQuattro, DVNF has provided Comfort Kits and emergency blankets, which an estimated 500+ veterans (65% of whom are disabled) will be using at the event.

Leftover goods will be distributed to veterans through the four service centers OSDRI has established throughout Rhode Island. A full report, including photos, will be available October 1st.



\$67,960

JOHNSTON, RI

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Emergency Blankets	128	\$2,676.16
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Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Men's Casual Shoes - Muk Luks Brand	53	\$2,974.23

