

IMPACT REPORT

Health and Comfort Program
3rd Quarter 2017
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2017 3rd Quarter Summary



Highlights

- This quarter DVNF reached out to 2 new program partners and 5 returning partners, hitting a record-breaking total of 2,457+ veterans served and 2,894 Comfort Kits shipped!
- DVNF once again partnered with The VIPER Ride, providing Comfort Kits to the 30 visually impaired veterans who participated in the event. Check out the photos on pages 9-10!
- See page 15 for the story on DVNF's newest partner, Goodwill Industries of Michiana! Since the event just occurred November 8, photos and testimonials will not be available for a couple weeks. But be on the lookout for them!

3rd Quarter Shipments

13 Cincinnati, OH	\$31,688
14 Atlanta, GA	\$69,802
15 Memphis, TN	\$59,633
16 Marysville, CA	\$157,603
17 Greendale, WI	\$3,106
18 Tulsa, OK	\$56,416
20 South Bend, IN	\$62,018

TOTAL **\$440,266**

YTD TOTAL **\$1,579,017**

This Quarter

2,457+

Veterans
Served

2,894

Comfort Kits
Distributed

1

Events
Attended

National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Cincinnati, OH

DVNF serves disabled veterans at 2017 Wheelchair Games

On July 17 the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, one of DVNF's favorite annual events, kicked off its week of wheelchair sports and recreation in Cincinnati, OH.

DVNF traveled from its Maryland office to set up a booth at the Games' expo and meet with hundreds of participating veterans and their families. Each veteran who stopped by walked away with a DVNF Comfort Kit packed with toiletries, sunscreen, candy, and socks.

The Games, co-sponsored by Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs, is open to veterans with spinal cord

injuries, multiple sclerosis, amputations, and other neurological injuries. The goal is to empower these men and women to live more active and healthy lives.

This year, over 600 disabled veteran athletes competed in 19 wheelchair sports events, ranging from soccer and rock climbing, to swimming and rifle shooting.

DVNF program officer, Deborah Onaderu, pictured right, interacted with veterans young and old as they made their way through the expo. She shared, "I am honored to have witnessed an amazing event surrounded by such wonderful and brave heroes."



\$31,688

CINCINNATI, OH

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
DVNF Comfort Kits	192	\$15,843.84
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American Legion Mundy-Beck Post 911 Atlanta, GA



Disabled Atlanta veterans receive shipment of relief supplies

This September, DVNF partnered again with American Legion Mundy-Beck Post 911, located in Atlanta, GA, for its annual stand down.

Each year Mundy-Beck hosts one large stand down and several mini stand downs around Atlanta to meet the ever present needs of its area veterans. As a returning partner, stand down organizer Kimia Flournoy, who is herself a disabled veteran, reached out to DVNF again for this year's Labor Day weekend event.

When Kimia contacted DVNF, she explained Mundy-Beck was in short stock of pain relieving medical supplies, such as knee braces, canes, and walkers, for Atlanta's disabled veterans, as well as clothing and toiletries. Available finances primarily fund food boxes for homeless veterans once a month, but

even then, there are more homeless veterans than they're able to serve. Because of this, Mundy-Beck highly values DVNF's contributions to their efforts.

On September 2 Mundy-Beck held the stand down in a local park. It was attended by 75 veterans, all of whom were disabled, either physically or psychologically. Many were recovering addicts in desperate need of help to navigate the assistance available to them through the VA. DVNF's items filled an immediate physical need, while also encouraging these at-risk veterans to keep pressing onward.

Following the event, Kimia and her team loaded up their cars with the remaining DVNF items and distributed them at two veterans homes in the Atlanta area.



“The items DVNF sent were extremely helpful. Without them, all we had were some donated clothes and food. We wouldn't have been able to offer much at all.”

—Kimia Flournoy, Disabled Veteran and American Legion Volunteer



With winter approaching, the long underwear sets were such a great item for the veterans. They loved the brand new shoes as well!



Attendees really appreciated the knee braces, a luxury item that veterans in need must often go without in order to purchase other necessities. Kimia and her team saved the remaining duffel bags to distribute at a future resume writing class for veterans.

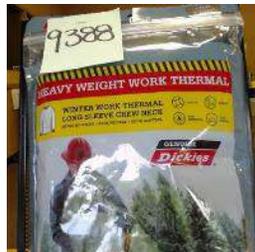




\$69,802

**ATLANTA,
GA**

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Duffel Bags - Kenneth Cole Brand	64	\$5,012.16
Duffel Bags - Travel Pro Brand	30	\$2,632.28
Adjustable Knee Braces - ACE Brand	356	\$9,723.25
XL Stabilizer Knee Braces - ACE Brand	235	\$3,112.58
DVNF Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Men's Jerseys	405	\$3,287.59
Men's Long-sleeved Thermal Henley Shirts - FOL Brand	450	\$3,330.00
Men's Thermal Underwear Set - Dickies Brand	129	\$2,222.99
Moccasin Shoes - Bamboo Brand	216	\$5,949.72
White Short-sleeved Tshirts - Munsingwear Brand	1,070	\$14,653.65



Operation Stand Down Midsouth

Memphis, TN

Mid-South veterans receive DVNF Comfort Kits

This year DVNF partnered for the first time with Operation Stand Down Midsouth (OSDM), a Memphis-based nonprofit founded in 2009 with the goal of successfully reintegrating veterans back into their communities.

OSDM fills in a gaping hole in the Mid-South by supporting a variety of veterans programs, including stand downs. The organization hosted its first stand down in 2011 and now, just six years later, is hosting three stand downs per year in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

After applying for DVNF's Health and Comfort program in June, stand down coordinator William Jones specifically requested DVNF send

three pallets of Comfort Kits to be distributed at OSDM's remaining stand downs: the first on August 11 in Holly Springs, MI, and the second on October 28 in Memphis, TN.

In all, over 300 veterans received Comfort Kits, and the remaining Kits will go to veterans attending OSDM's 2018 stand downs.

Roy Dozier, Supervisor at OSDM, saw for himself how grateful the veterans were to receive these Kits: "In-shelter homeless vets who are transitioning to permanent housing or employment need all the extra cash they can get to assist in that pursuit. Not having to purchase the toiletry items DVNF sent is a great help to them in moving forward."



\$59,633

MEMPHIS, TN

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
DVNF Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
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Yuba Sutter Veterans Stand Down

Marysville, CA

Longtime California partner distributes DVNF goods

Yuba Sutter Veterans Stand Down (YSVSD), founded in 1999 by a group of volunteers, is one of the most enduring events of its kind. As such, DVNF has proudly partnered with YSVSD since its beginning, forging an alliance that enables both organizations to reach over 1,000 disabled veterans and veterans in need every year.

DVNF sent over 1,000 Comfort Kits for distribution at YSVSD's three-day event August 24-26. Leftover items were given to veterans at smaller stand downs in Lake County, El Dorado County, Nevada County, and Shasta County. Comfort Kits were

also given to veterans living in local nursing homes and veterans homes, as well as veterans who were victims of this year's devastating Cascade Fire.

Mike Nichols, Stand Down Coordinator, expressed his thanks for DVNF's continued involvement in this event: "To put it mildly, you touched a great number of hearts and placed smiles on many faces in those three days. Please remember this stand down is just one of the many stops your organization has impacted. I would personally like to thank you for allowing us, with your aid, to aid so many."



\$157,603

MARYSVILLE, CA

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Crest Toothpaste	9,792	\$11,162.88
Eucerin Wash Body	17,908	\$8,416.76
Shampoo	1,250	\$4,584.38
Coppertone Sunscreen	9,072	\$16,170.84
Comfort Kits	192	\$19,877.76
Comfort Kits	224	\$23,296.00
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The VIPER Ride

Greendale, WI



30 visually impaired veterans receive DVNF Comfort Kits after motorcycle ride

Visually Impaired Veterans Experiencing the Road (VIPER), a Milwaukee-based nonprofit, was founded in December 2015 as a means of engaging the blind and visually impaired veteran population.

Within just one year, founder TJ Oman pulled together approximately 300 volunteers to host the first VIPER Ride, an event that gives visually impaired veterans, who often feel isolated, an opportunity to motorcycle on Wisconsin's best cycling roads and connect with other veterans.

Thanks to last year's SpartanNash

grant, DVNF was able to partner with VIPER's inaugural ride in August 2016, providing Comfort Kits to each passenger veteran, called "tailgunners," at the event. TJ was thrilled to hear that DVNF wanted to partner with VIPER again this year and so requested a shipment of Comfort Kits to be distributed to the 30 veterans registered for the Ride.

Early Sunday morning, August 20, TJ and his army of dedicated volunteers set up the starting line at Zablocki VA Medical Center. Tailgunners were paired with pilots (drivers) and then set out from the VA at 10 am, winding through Wisconsin's back roads.

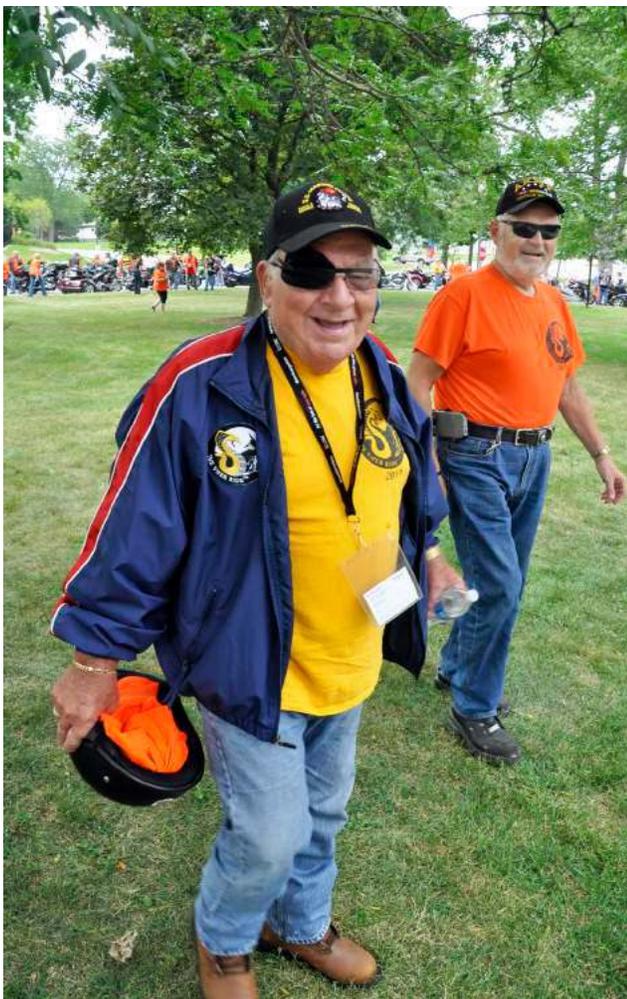
At 11:30 am, they stopped midway at East Troy to eat a BBQ lunch served up by kids from the Boys and Girls Club. A band played as they enjoyed their food and visited with each other.

After lunch, the tailgunners and pilots climbed back on the motorcycles, savoring the sense of freedom as they began the 90-minute return journey to the Zablocki VA. They pulled in at 1 pm, and volunteers were waiting to help the tailgunners to the pavilion where they passed out DVNF's Comfort Kits.



“We presented each tailgunner with a DVNF Comfort Kit following the ride. They were so surprised to receive even more stuff after such a full day. Some of the vets who participate in our event are existing on minimal income and the ability to acquire some great comfort and care items is a luxury for them.”

—TJ Oman, Executive Director at VIPER Ride



A visually impaired veteran and his pilot pick up a DVNF Comfort Kit to finish out the day.



Visually impaired veteran Mike Kanitsch came out to participate in the Viper Ride for his second consecutive year. He rode 43 hours on a Greyhound bus from Mesa, AZ, to attend. His only request was to do The VIPER Ride on a Can Am Spyder, which volunteer Larry Repinski was happy to oblige.

“Thanks to our partners, sponsors, donors, and supporters! I am truly honored and humbled to be associated with such a large and diverse group of people who banded together to deliver such an amazing day for our tailgunners. Endless thanks and blessings to each of you who do your part to make this event what it is and what it can be.

—TJ Oman, Executive Director at VIPER Ride

Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa, SSVF Program

Tulsa, OK



DVNF sends shipment to Midwest

This September, DVNF partnered with Community Service Council (CSC), a community-based non-profit in Tulsa, OK, to provide essentials like toiletries and clothing to disabled veterans and veterans in need in the eastern Oklahoma area.

One of CSC's chief goals is to make Tulsa a "veteran ready community," which they do by running three veterans programs and hosting an annual stand down. The stand down offers a compassionate road map to the most vulnerable veterans who don't know how to take the first steps toward independent living. This event is vital in supporting the community's commitment to ensure homelessness

among veterans is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

This year's stand down, held Saturday, September 16, provided 306 homeless and at-risk veterans with clothing, shoes, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, haircuts, showers, laundry services, and connections to housing, benefits, and mental health support programs.

DVNF played a major role in giveaways, providing the bulk of CSC's blankets, men's shoes, first aid kits, cleansing cloths, and toiletries. Erin Willis, CSC Coordinator of Housing and Homelessness, shared: "Our community is beyond grateful for

the resources DVNF provided!"

Tulsa's stand down continues to expand as they serve the community's veterans year after year. This year, of the 306 veterans who attended, 118 were homeless and the remaining 188 were at risk.

Disabled veterans were provided transportation assistance to and from the event via the local Disabled American Veterans and VA Transportation Services. Volunteers were also available to help disabled veterans navigate the event and access the services with ease.

"One item in particular from our DVNF shipment stood out at this year's stand down: leather sandals. As planners, we thought these would be a nice bonus item for veterans to keep until warmer weather came our way. But there was one veteran there who had acute podiatry needs, and those sandals were the only shoes he could wear comfortably. He was thrilled that we had his size and extremely grateful to receive them."

— Erin Willis, Coordinator of CSC's Housing and Homelessness



When veterans registered at the event, they filled out an order form for clothing and goods that allowed them to select what they needed and in what sizes. Then using the forms, event volunteers packed a duffel bag for each veteran (see above), which they picked up at the end of the stand down.



This year's stand down grew by nearly 50 veterans, going from 259 to 306. Organizations like DVNF are necessary to CSC's expanding veterans programs. By providing items like toiletries and shoes, DVNF enables CSC to use its funds to benefit veterans in other ways.



Michael Tetreault, US Army, Stand Down Attendee:

"I am a vet living outside near the Maybelle Bridge. I am so glad I went to this event. The shoes and blankets provided could not have come at a better time. Thank you so much. I received more information, and help in 24 hours than I could have done by myself in a month. The vendors spent time to explain things in a way I could understand. People actually cared, and that was awesome. I had to fight back tears several times. I felt proud again. I hope you guys realize how much you did for us vets out there. God bless you, and thank you so much."



\$56,416

**TULSA,
OK**

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Emergency Relief Blankets	128	\$2,676.16
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Witch Hazel Cleansing Cloths	1,440	\$8,323.20
Men's Casual Long-sleeved Shirts - RL Brand	24	\$1,466.70
Men's Leather Sandals - Buffalo Jackson Brand	102	\$5,047.47
Band Aids (Neosporin, Antiseptic) - J&J Brand	408	\$3,623.04
Moccasins - Bamboo Brand	216	\$5,949.72
DVNF Comfort Kits	192	\$11,988.48
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Goodwill Industries of Michiana

South Bend, IN

DVNF sends vital shipment to small-town veterans

In 2017, DVNF discovered a great new program partner via the VA website: Goodwill Industries of Michiana. Collaborating with several veterans organizations in Indiana's Kosciusko County, they host a yearly stand down, and this year DVNF joined the ranks with a shipment of toiletries, blankets, and men's clothing.

Approximately 4,600 veterans live in Kosciusko County and of the 50% who are of working age, 21% are unemployed. Nearly 16% have a disability, and 10% live in poverty. The local homeless shelter

and treatment center in the area are not contracted with the VA and have no programs to meet the needs of these at-risk veterans. To benefit from transitional housing, a veteran must relocate to South Bend or Fort Wayne, which can mean giving up employment. Without this stand down, Kosciusko County veterans unfortunately just go without these vital services.

The stand down, held November 8, had a great turnout with over 175 veterans. DVNF sent fleece pajamas, leather shoes, and Comfort Kits, and according to event coordinator Kelly

Friend, everything was gone by the end of the day.

Kelly called the morning after the stand down to share her appreciation for DVNF: "We are so grateful and indebted to DVNF! It would've taken me years to gather the high-quality supplies that you sent! Everyone wanted to know where it all came from." She went on, "The leather shoes in particular were amazing. They were interview-quality and the difference-maker at this event."



\$62,018

SOUTH BEND, IN

PALLETS	QUANTITY	VALUE
Men's Sleepwear	197	\$4,773.31
Men's Jerseys	1,200	\$9,741.00
Moccasin Shoes - Bamboo Brand	162	\$4,462.29
Men's Leather Shoes - Buffalo Jackson Brand	140	\$27,643.00
Emergency Relief Blankets	384	\$8,028.48
Shampoo	800	\$2,934.00
Aveeno Moisturizing Lotion - 1 fl. oz.	1,152	\$1,376.64
DVNF Comfort Kits	192	\$11,988.48

