

ATHENS AREA STAND DOWN

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Thank you to all our sponsors for the 2018 3rd Annual Athens Area Stand Down!

Our October 5th event helped over 300 people connect with community and veteran resources. The attendees were given items necessary to alleviate challenges of homelessness such as food, clothing and toiletries. Through the generosity of the Athens Fairgrounds Committee, the Stand Down takes place the first Friday of October annually.

There was a tremendous amount of support for the event. Over 40 service organizations participated under tents provided by Undercover Tents out of Logan. The OUHCOM mobile van provided health screenings, the Veterans Service officer gave valuable information on receiving military benefits, and free haircuts by Carsey's Barber Shop and Tri County Career Center. Thanks to all of these organizations, folks attending the event had the opportunity to make connections with community resources that made a difference in their current situation. One of the most anticipated portions of the event is visiting the items warehouse. In the warehouse participants are able to get supplies that will help make an immediate improvement to their preparedness for the upcoming winter months. This year, patrons were able to prepare for the cold season thanks to the generosity of many annual sponsors. For the past three years, Rocky Brands has provided numerous boots. VFW Post 7174 (The Plains) and VFW POST 9893 (Albany) has provided numerous jackets, shoes, and clothing. Lutheran Social Service has also been on site to provide rations to the participants. All of these generous donations helped to make a difference. The Stand Down was a great success due to the dedication of these folks and many others!

In addition to the services and supplies provided, Athens Kroger, generously provided food for all participants and volunteers throughout the day. Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Childs also kept the atmosphere lively and positive with his volunteer DJ service.

All the efforts would be in vain without a work force to execute the mission. The Stand Down has been fortunate each year to have a large contingent of volunteers including the Ohio University Army ROTC, Ohio University Air Force ROTC, and Ohio University Beta Theta Pi fraternity. These groups have been instrumental in ensuring the set up for the event, providing the volunteer manpower during execution, and support to the tear down activity.

Thank you all! Sincerely,

The Athens Area Stand Down Committee

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