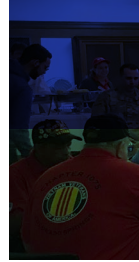


Giving Back

SERVING VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES

Veteran homelessness remains a significant issue. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, ~38,000 veterans may not have housing on any given night. The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness recommends addressing root causes of veteran homelessness such as unemployment, lack of affordable housing, lack of childcare, physical or mental health concerns, substance abuse disorder, and other barriers to prosperity and wellbeing. Coordinated local, regional and national partnerships are vital to solving this complex issue.

How can we best stand up for veterans experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity?



Transformative Power of Partnership - **Veteran Stand Down Events**



Collaboration through regional **Stand Down events** improves the lives of veterans. In 2022, Sodexo teams participated in Stand Down events in three states. These multi-day events provide veterans who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity with both short- and longer-term resources. Attendees may receive hot meals, clothing, hygiene items, haircuts, dental and health screenings, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling and direct connections to service providers in their communities.

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In 2022, Sodexo supported Stand Down events in California, Colorado, and Arizona

- Our teams **served over 3,000 meals**
- In **San Diego, 43 volunteers** helped veterans develop resumes and apply for positions on site—Sodexo hired five of those veterans!
- The **Northern Arizona University** team has been **supporting Stand Downs for 10 years**; in addition to food, the Sodexo team staffs a recruiting table to hire veterans