

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down 2017, Veterans Helping Veterans.

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down is an annual event, now in its 11th year, organized by the St Johns County Veterans Service Office led by VSO Tammy Shirley and the Veterans Council of St Johns County under the leadership of Chairman Bill Dudley.



The Stand Down is held in September

and hosted by St Augustine Elks Lodge 829 who fund the event through a \$ 2000 Beacon Grant. Many local veteran's organizations and the St Augustine Lions International sent volunteers for set up and for the Stand Down.

Despite the inclement weather the Stand Down was a huge success in providing St Johns



County Homeless Veterans and homeless non- veterans with much needed support and supplies.

This year 15 homeless veterans and 37 non veteran homeless were greeted, fed, counseled and given supplies to help make their life easier.



Many support organizations were on hand providing services, in attendance were the Council on Aging, Humana, Housing Resources, employment counseling, the Red Cross, the VA benefits counsel, Legal Aid, and the

Wildflower Dental Clinic.



There were rooms full of supplies; shoes, clothes and outdoor supplies. The following services were provided to all- hot showers, haircuts and hot food provided by the Elks. The St Augustine Lions International were at the front entrance and greeted everyone with cash cards redeemable at local stores.

