

Mayor Chris Watts
Members of City Council
215 E. McKinney
Denton, TX. 76201

Re. Request for co-sponsorship

Mayor Watts and Members of City Council:

The Denton County Veteran's Coalition has another opportunity to work with the Dallas VA to provide a "Stand-Down" for Denton County veterans who are homeless. The purpose of the stand-down is to identify veterans who may need resources, including educational and vocational support, as well as basic needs such as clothing and shelter. Other non-profit organizations will also participate in this effort to provide housing information as well as personal counseling for those in distress.

Last year we helped approximately 75 veterans and their families from across the county to find resources related to housing, continuing education, and emergency clothing needs such as new coats, boots, sleeping bags and other items needed especially during cold weather seasons. Last year's event (our first) included 50-60 volunteers who helped provide direction to veterans to help them find the right resources according to the veteran's needs. Many others volunteered to cook and provide food for those who attended. We also had live music to help create an atmosphere of celebration in honor of the men and women who have served our country. We are anticipating approximately 100 veterans to participate in this year's stand-down.

Because of the anticipated size of this group we are asking if we could use the facilities at the Denton Civic Center, as you so graciously allowed last year. This venue (including the kitchen area and patio area) was a perfect setting for what we are trying to accomplish this year. We also would like to ask you to consider co-sponsorship with the Denton County Veteran's Coalition in the amount of \$3,500.00. This program was a great success last year because of your willingness to help, as well as the great number of volunteers who gave of their time. We hope to create the same coalition this year in behalf of the men and women of Denton County who are veterans in need of our service.

The stand-down is scheduled for October 20, 2016. Points of contact will include Raymond Holder 940-382-5451 and Chris Martin (President of the DCVC) at 678-877-6267. Our sincerest appreciation for your consideration in this great work!

Sincerely:

Raymond Holder

