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VA to hold Veterans Stand Down in Sturgis on September 26

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System is hosting their first *Women Veterans Stand Down* on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 2 – 6 p.m. at the Sturgis Armory at the Corner of Junction Avenue and Main Street in Sturgis, S.D.

The Women Veterans Stand Down, according to Dianna Monahan, Women Veterans Program Manager for VA Black Hills, is intended to serve homeless and needy women Veterans from the VA Black Hills catchment area. There is no charge for any of the services. “It is a hand up, rather than a hand out, extended by a caring community,” said Monahan.

A Stand Down is an intensive service fair for Veterans and their families, offering on the spot help.

VA BHHCS staff will be available to hear issues, answer questions, and provide information on VA benefits, programs and health care enrollment opportunities. Staff will also provide clothing, meals, haircuts and gift certificates, information on health promotion and disease prevention, mental health referral and information, homeless assistance and vocational assistance to Stand Down participants.

Veterans who have not previously enrolled with the VA are requested to bring a copy of their military discharge papers, DD 214, to the Women Veterans Stand Down.

For more information about the Women Veterans Stand Down, contact Dianna Monahan at 605-347-2511 ext. 97247.

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