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Help for Veterans at Stand Down

June 26, 2009 – Sultan, WA—WorkSource Snohomish County Veterans Unit will be holding its annual Veterans Stand Down event on Friday, June 26th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Camp Volasuca at 617 First Street in Sultan.

Stand Down serves honorably discharged veterans, including homeless, active duty, National Guard, reserve, retirees, and their families. Services available at the event include free clothing, food, haircuts, and showers as well as representatives from community service agencies and employers.

“This is such an important event for helping homeless veterans realize they are not forgotten,” explains Lenny Simpson of Workforce Development Council Snohomish County. “If we can get the word out to homeless and other veterans that there will be a good meal and showers available, they’ll come. And we’ll be able to connect them to service providers in the area.”

While traditionally held in Everett, the Veterans Unit is targeting Sultan-area vets, specifically homeless veterans, due to the need to provide services in all parts of the county. A large number of homeless people live in the Sultan area along the Skykomish River. The Monroe Monitor recently reported that the Sultan Police force has been targeting illegal encampments in the area, warning homeless that they would be arrested if they didn’t leave. Stand Down will bring services to where these homeless veterans live.

WorkSource Homeless Veterans Services will also be onsite at another event—Project Homeless Connect—providing services for homeless people scheduled for June 30, 2009 at Cascade High School in Everett.

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