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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **Media Advisory**

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## **VA to Host Veteran Homelessness Stand-down in Denver**

**AURORA, Colo.** – Veterans from area shelters and transitional housing will attend a homeless stand-down Sept. 14 in Denver to connect with VA and community resources.

Veterans experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness, can visit booths from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VA Community Resource and Referral Center at 3836 York St. Housing and employment resources will be offered to end Veteran homelessness.

Eligible Veterans can enroll in VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System (ECHCS), then speak with a nurse trained in identifying and documenting potential exposures to toxins during military service.

Toxic exposure screenings are an important step in prioritizing exposure-informed care, and part of implementing the Sergeant First Class Health Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act. Veterans may also sit with a VA benefits specialist whom can help file a PACT Act-related compensation claim.

Veterans can also check on their eligibility for VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families homelessness-prevention assistance, HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers and other Veteran housing-assistance programs.

Additionally, VA staff will support upcoming community-led stand-downs in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center will host a stand-down Oct. 17 in Colorado Springs, then American Legion Post 2 will host one Sept. 29 in Pueblo.

To RSVP for the stand-down Sept. 14 in Denver, contact the VA ECHCS public affairs office at [vhaechpao@va.gov](mailto:vhaechpao@va.gov).

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### **Denver Veteran Homeless Stand-Down**

**Who:** Veterans experiencing homelessness  
**When:** Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Where:** VA Community Resource and Referral Center  
3836 York St., Denver, CO 80205

### **Pueblo Veteran Homeless Stand-Down**

**Who:** Veterans experiencing homelessness  
**When:** Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion Post 2  
701 West 9th St., CO 81003

**Colorado Springs Veteran Homeless Stand-Down**

**Who:** Veterans experiencing homelessness

**When:** Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** City Auditorium  
221 E. Kiowa St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903