



Portage Post 496 - Kent, OH
News You Can Use
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It's not the price you pay for membership It's the price you paid to become eligible.

Take a look at page B1 (Community section) of today's *Akron Beacon Journal* for the article with the headline - Veterans event seeks donations after fire. The article states this year's Stand Down event is next month on Sept. 13. Our Post is a collection point for any donations - see Joyce's article below.

Special Request for help from our 1st Vice Cmdr, Joyce Hannum

HELP!

The Laura Dunlop Annual Summit County Stand Down is in desperate need! Due to a fire which totally destroyed the Army surplus warehouse (which they use to get the majority of items), District 14 is in desperate need of gently used or new clothing and shoes/boots (undergarments and socks need to be new) for the homeless and needy veterans in our District. Although it is held in Summit County, the Stand Down serves every veteran who shows up. Many Portage County veterans depend on the Stand Down for much of their needs. **The Stand Down is held every year around Veteran's Day for over 10 years.**

Items needed for both men and women veterans:

Shirts	Slacks/pants
Sweat shirts/pants	Coats/jackets (really need these)
Hats/scarfs/gloves	Shoes/boots
NEW undergarments	NEW socks
Sleeping bags/blankets	

Comfort items will also be accepted (tooth brush/paste/shampoo/soap etc)
Gift cards for Walmart, Acme or other stores are also accepted

We all know the government and VA are unable to help all the homeless and needy veterans and this is our way to help in our own community.

Any donations can be brought to the Kent Post 496 and I will be making at least two trips from 496 to the warehouse to take any collected items to the Stand Down (**go ahead and make me do more trips, I double dog dare you!**) The two dates I have scheduled are **24 August and 7 September 2016**. I will also take any monetary donations you would like to make. If you write a check please make it out to Dale Luzader (chairman for the stand down, member of Post 449 and a past District 14 Cmdr). Funds donated are used to purchase items that they are short on. As this started as an American Legion project there are NO administrative costs. Every penny goes to directly serving the veterans. *Thanks for helping our local veterans!*

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