



2024 IMPACT REPORT

OPERATION STAND DOWN TN IS THE LEADING VETERAN-SERVING ORGANIZATION IN THE REGION IMPACTING ISSUES AFFECTING THE VETERAN COMMUNITY.

7,991 VETERANS SERVED

16,046 SERVICE CENTER VISITS AT OUR 3 LOCATIONS

THE PROBLEM: VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Veterans can struggle to find stable, affordable housing due to financial hardships, mental health challenges, or difficulties transitioning to civilian life.

Due to the rising costs, there has been a 7.4% increase in Veteran homelessness since 2023

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **129 VETERANS** were housed in our Transitional Housing Program (THP)
- **74%** of the Veterans moved into permanent housing
- **30 VETERANS** received further case management after leaving Transitional Housing Program
- **182 VETERANS** secured housing & **298 VETERANS** maintained housing
- **36 VETERANS** received legal representation & advice to address housing barriers



THE PROBLEM: VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION

Veterans face higher rates of PTSD, depression, and suicide risk, often lacking access to proper mental health support.

17.6 Veteran suicides per day with 60% not connected to the VA or their Veteran community

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **972 VETERANS** screened for suicide risk & well-being
- **141 VETERANS** enrolled in suicide prevention programs
- **25%** of the participants were connected with the VA system for the first time
- **866** community engagements across 20 counties reaching **4,151 VETERANS**

THE PROBLEM: VETERAN FINANCIAL CRISIS

Unexpected expenses, lack of employment opportunities with a living wage, and disability-related challenges put many Veterans in financial distress.

Cost of living in Middle TN has increased by 40%

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **650 VETERANS** received financial assistance for housing, health, transportation and supplies
- **173 VETERANS** placed in emergency housing



THE PROBLEM: VETERAN EMPLOYMENT & CAREER TRANSITION

Veterans struggle to find meaningful careers that match their skills, leading to underemployment or job insecurity.

Veteran unemployment rate is 3.9% or higher in parts of TN

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **124 VETERANS** referred for career transition
- **18 VETERANS** participated in Career Recon (in partnership with Nashville Chamber of Commerce & Belmont University)
- **305 PEOPLE** attended LinkedIn Music City networking events



THE PROBLEM: VETERAN FOOD INSECURITY

Veterans experience a disproportionately higher rate of difficulty accessing nutritious food due to financial constraints or lack of resources.

For Veterans it's 11% - double the general population

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **4,585 FOOD BAGS** distributed to **859 VETERANS** across 14 counties
- **1,439 BULK DELIVERY FOOD BAGS** provided through partners
- **360 READY-TO-EAT FOOD BAGS** for immediate needs
- **923 GIFT CARDS** for perishable goods to supplement meals



THE PROBLEM: ISOLATION & LACK OF CONNECTION

Veterans often experience isolation, difficulty navigating VA benefits, and a lack of community support post-service.

Half of US Veterans are not connected to the VA and any other Veteran Groups

OSDTN IMPACT:

- **660 VETERANS** assisted with VA claims & benefits (25 surviving spouses assisted)
- **866** community engagements across 20 counties reaching **4,151 VETERANS**
- **147 VETERANS** attended Veteran meetups
- **375 PARTICIPANTS** in the Music City Ruck March
- **658 VOLUNTEERS** contributed 2,374 hours
- **52,032** digital engagements (website, social media, newsletters)

WITH THE HELP OF OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS, OSDTN ENSURES TENNESSEE'S VETERANS ARE ENGAGED, EQUIPPED, & EMPOWERED

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