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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **VA WNY Healthcare System and Niagara Falls American Legion Host a Veterans Stand Down**

VA WNY Healthcare System Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program and The Niagara Falls American Legion Post 1664 will sponsor a stand down event for veterans on Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The stand down will take place at the American Legion Post 1664, 725 East Market Street in the Niagara Falls City Market. All veterans and their families are invited. Veterans will have the opportunity to speak with VA Medical Center representatives about VA healthcare benefits, housing, VA disability and pension benefits, smoking cessation, and prevention of substance abuse. Giveaways and lunch will be provided at the event. Stand Downs originally started as a way to reach homeless veterans, offering them a chance to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. At this event, veterans may enroll in VA Western New York Healthcare System and should bring a copy of their discharge papers if available. Limited transportation to the event will be available. For more information about the event and transportation, call 881-5855.

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