

Local PODS Moving and Storage Lends a Hand-Up for the 4th Annual Santa Barbara Veteran Stand Down

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For the many veterans who are left without the daily amenities that so many people take for granted, local PODS Moving and Storage leader is lending a hand-up by donating the use of its PODS containers to Santa Barbara County's "Veteran Stand Down" on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The drive serves local veterans in need of clothing, haircuts, household items, food, hygiene products and other services.

For the month of October, a PODS® Container was placed at Santa Maria Fairpark to serve as a collection point for their weekly clothing and hygiene products that were donated.

"The donation of the PODS container gives us the ability to collect and store more donations while providing us a safe and secure place before they are transported to the event where we distribute goods to the veterans," said Sandy Agalos, Stand Down Coordinator. "It's the key to our success because it saves us a lot in moving and storing costs by allowing us to put our community donations towards food and transportation costs for follow-up appointments among other expenses."

At the Stand Down event, veterans, their children and spouses will be offered various services, such as showers, dental exams, PTSD counseling, and breakfast and lunch. They will have access to substance abuse programs, health services organizations and with career centers. Over 150 organizations have agreed to aid the event, including People's Self-Help Housing and the California Department of Veteran Affairs.

"PODS is always willing to help the veterans who have served our country in any way that we can," said Steve Yapp, owner of local PODS Moving and Storage. "Taking part in the Veterans Stand Down event these past few years is not only an honor, but a privilege to be a part of such an event that does so much for our veterans."

Event Information:

Who: Local PODS Moving and Storage, Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down

Where: Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg St. Gate 7 Santa Maria, Calif.

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

For more information or to help volunteer, visit sbcountystanddown.com

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About PODS

Steve Yapp is the owner of three Tri-Counties PODS franchises that serve residents and businesses in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Dedicated to the local community, Yapp's franchises have donated hundreds of PODS containers to nonprofit and charitable organizations throughout Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Diego and Los Angeles counties since opening their doors in 2005.

A partial list of recipients include: Boys & Girls Clubs, FOOD Share of Ventura County, Casa Pacifica, Toys 4 Tots, California Strawberry Festival, Ojai Music Festival, Relay for Life, C.H.P. Holiday Toy Drive, Salvation Army, Santa Maria Good Samaritan, Oxnard Downtown Management District, Boy Scouts of Ventura County, California Visitors Center, Simi Valley Days, the Oxnard Salsa Festival, and Catholic Charities.

PODS is a leader in the moving and storage industry providing both residential and commercial services in 46 U.S. states, Canada, Australia and the UK. Founded in 1998, PODS pioneered the portable moving and storage industry now preferred by many customers' increasingly active and mobile lifestyles. To date, the PODS network has completed more than 600,000 long-distance moves, exceeded 3 million deliveries and has more than 160,000 PODS containers in service.

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