



## NEWS FROM AUXILIARY UNIT 171, September 2017

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to our members for your generous donation of **\$300** to **STAND DOWN**.

**STAND DOWN** started many years ago to help Homeless Veterans with needed items. Columbus (Central Ohio) **STAND DOWN** is each year in October at the Convention Center.

- VETS line up early in the morning, before the event opens. They must sign in.  
*Seeing them wait, humbles your heart.*

Your donation allows the AUX to provide more items for our VETERANS in need.

### Some of things offered at STAND DOWN are:

- \***Haircuts**      \***VA Clinic**": Free health screenings.      \***Legal**: assists in removing warrants, etc.
- \***Counseling**: VA & Social Security Benefits, Housing, Employment, Substance Abuse Treatment, etc.
- \***Clothing**: NEW clothing and NEW boots (donated by **Rocky Boots**)
- \***Shopping Area**: Items of need at no-charge.

→ AUX Unit 171 provides light weight gloves, shoestrings & many misc. items. Your donation helped the AUX to provide more items. **THANK YOU.**

- **"DITTY BAGS"** for women veterans. (We're unique that we recognize our **women** vets.)  
→ If you'd like to volunteer at STAND DOWN (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>), contact Commander John McElhaney.

**Betty Rose** (AUX Pres.) & **Sheila Nocks** (AUX Treasurer) met with **COMMANDER John McElhaney**.

- We shared the many things the **AUXILIARY Unit 171 does** for our VETERANS and our Community.
- We shared things we can do together for our VETERANS (like STAND DOWN).

As Unit president I'm excited to work with our Legion more to honor and recognize our

As president of Unit 171 I've established a committee: **Active Deployed Troops.**

- We'll have a contact to send packages to our **ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS who are deployed in operations around the world.**
- We'll know what they need and how best to send.
- I'll work with **Commander John** on this endeavor.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Float:

- **THANKS** to **Mary Lou Wolfe** for designing this year's Float and her **volunteers** who decorated it.
- **THANKS** to **Sonny Evans** for donating the float and **Bill Laidley** who drove us safely through the parade.

--Betty Rose, President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 171