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Healing Service for the Military and Their Families

Offering Healing Service to the Military and their families is one of THE most popular and sought after public service opportunities that Healers request. The questions always seem to be: HOW can we get invited to participate in events; HOW can we organize volunteers to do the Service; HOW do we get invited back and more.

To respond, HTPA has been gathering insights from those who have been participating in Stand Downs, Welcome Homes, clinics, health fairs, etc. One of the longest established Stand Downs is in San Diego, CA (in fact it was the site of the very first Stand Down) and Healing Service, specifically Healing Touch, has been a part of it since its inception. This past year there were nearly 50 Healing Touch Volunteers who participated in that Stand Down. Joan Tweed (HTPA Member) was the first coordinator of Healing Touch Volunteers. She then passed the task on and it has been sustained for over 20

something years - growing consistently each year. Other lead coordinators contributing to its success are Carole Sarian and most recently Lisa Goodman (both are HTPA Members).

Another very active location is Chicago, IL. Although their history is not as long as San Diego's, they have been successful growing their Healing Service to the Military under the lead direction of Lynne O'Donnell (HTPA Member). At their recent Welcome Home event they had over 35 Healing Touch Volunteers participating there alongside Reiki, acupuncture and other practitioners. In addition, we know of Healers participating in smaller events taking place all over the nation.

Based on the popularity of these type of Healing Outreach Service opportunities, plus the positive feedback from the Military persons receiving Services, Susan Russell (a Stand Down lead coordinator of Healing Touch Volunteers at several events throughout Texas and HTPA Member) agreed to help HTPA create an e-Manual for anyone who wants to learn about participating in Healing Services Outreach and answer the "HOW to" questions.



Susan is experienced with many aspects of Military protocol as she was in her words, a "Military Brat" during her childhood, which has come in handy when dealing with introducing Healing Services to Stand Down administrators and interfacing with the Vets who come to receive at the events.

With Susan's experience, we put together step-by-step guidance on getting your Healing Service invited into a Stand Down. The new e-Manual contains specific letter templates; directions for setting up the space; time management suggestions; forms for data collection; even what to wear to the event; etc., etc. With this e-Manual anyone who has a goal of bringing Healing Service into a local Stand Down or other event will likely have success manifesting that goal. We are happy to announce that the e-Manual is now ready and we will introduce everyone to it during a "Live" Interview. HTPA is also willing to support Outreach to the Military in any way possible. If you have wanted to offer Healing Service to our wonderful men and women who serve our country

