

Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses

Operation Stand Down with MAPHN

To all volunteers who are participating in Operation Stand Down 2025:

I want to thank you in advance for your personal contribution to this effort. Your involvement will change you in ways you can't even imagine right now. I want to give you a few pointers from my own experiences:

- The MAPHN Foot Care provision area "tent" will be outdoors in the City Hall Plaza again this year. We can expect to cross-refer to Medical Tent.
- We will have chilled bottled water and hot coffee for you in a separate break area away from the tent.
- Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers! Civies are fine. Nurses might want to wear a lab coat or scrubs. We will get dirty!
- Bring your work/MRC Badge/school ID with you. If you are stuck in the registration area, call my cell phone and I will come meet you. It will be very busy there around 10-12. Try to get there before that time. My cell phone number is 508-277-6514. TEXTING is better than calling.
- The **CONFIRMATION CODE FOR OUR TENT will be emailed to you prior to the event date.**
- Lunch/snacks will be provided for our tent volunteers. There is a food tent/truck separate for veterans but for veterans only!
- Once inside the Plaza, you can leave, you are not restricted or hostage to the Foot Care area, but you will need to reenter through registration.
- This is run as an Incident Command site for refugees. I am not the Incident Commander. I am the "Section Chief" (for Foot and Nail Care Tent).
- All the supplies need to be at the tent by 7am. We will be bringing supplies in the morning of the event and can start setting up at 7:00 am Friday morning. Some supplies (chairs, tables, etc) were requisitioned earlier and will be brought to the area by the VA.
- We may be providing shoes (military boots, shoes, sneakers) on behalf of the VA this year. Might not know this until the morning of the event.
- Please help maintain order in the tent: we are VERY popular, and it can get VERY busy. YOU NEED TO LET ME KNOW when you need a break. Please pace yourselves.
- Students: there is an experiential pathway sheet that will help you rotate through our tent operations and the general event. I will help you and your instructor plan for rotation accordingly. There is also an "instrument" sheet which describes the various supplies for foot care, sanitation and will help everyone if you can become familiar with the foot care instruments and supplies!

On behalf of all Veterans past, present and future,
Thank you again.

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