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### **Lab veterans kick off HOME community effort with East Bay Stand Down**

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Jerry Yahiro, director of East Bay Stand Down, discussed the 'East Bay Stand Down' scheduled for next week, Aug. 7-10, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The Lawrence Livermore Laboratory Armed Forces Veterans Association (LLAFVA) held its annual summer membership BBQ at noon Wednesday at the employee picnic area.

Guest speaker Jerry Yahiro, director of East Bay Stand Down, discussed the 'Stand Down' scheduled for next week, Aug. 7-10, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The Stand Down is a helping-hand program for homeless veterans. During the four-day outreach effort, veterans live and eat at the fairgrounds, and receive: health screenings; medical and dental care; legal assistance; and other services.

The primary focus of the program is homeless veterans, although homelessness is not a requirement. As many as 500 veterans, men and women, are expected from the Bay Area and San Joaquin Valley for the every-other-year event.

The Stand Down has been one of LLAFVA's community outreach projects since 1999 and this year is being featured as part of the Lab's annual HOME Campaign "At HOME in our Community" activities.

Volunteers are needed for this year's event, particularly people with pickup trucks who can help transport provisions to the fairgrounds. For more information or to volunteer, visit the East Bay Stand Down [Website](#) or contact Chelle Clements at 3-8134.