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*"The Best Waterfront City
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City and local nonprofit co-host event for military veterans and public Saturday

In her continuing support of military veterans, Council Chairwoman Judy L. Davis, with support from the City Council, is co-sponsoring "Stand Down"—an event meant to celebrate, thank and help military veterans and their families, including those in need.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Calloway Amphitheatre, 1420 W. 10th Street, behind Tate Recreation Center. It is free and open to the public.

The term "Stand Down" refers to a time of respite and recovery during wartime when exhausted combat units are removed from the battlefield and taken to a place of relative security.

It also references the name of a full-service shelter for veterans struggling with homelessness and addiction operated by Palm Springs-based Faith, Hope, Love, Charity, Inc., (FHLC) which, along with the City of Riviera Beach, is co-sponsoring Saturday's event.

The nonprofit FHLC is led by Roy Foster, who is nationally acclaimed for his work helping military veterans. He is a 2009 CNN Top 10 Hero nominee.

Chair Davis has also made her personal contribution. Herself a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Chair Davis quietly collected goods and raised funds to provide care packages to dozens of local

Service people on duty in the Middle East.

She also asked City employee Brian DeSantis to ride with her in the City's annual M.L. King Parade upon his return from Iraq. Both wore their service uniforms.

On Saturday, the event will feature free food, music, haircuts and a host of service organizations providing support, resources and relaxation to those who have served their country with duty and faith.

And that is the point, according to Chair Davis. "Freedom isn't free," she said. "These are the people who make it possible for us to live as we do in the United States. We will always owe them something."