Stepping up for the Stand Down

Miramar Marines help homeless vets

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SAN DIEGO – (Below) Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 assemble a tent at San Diego High School July 11. The Marines of MWSS-373 will put their logistics skills to the test as they prepare tents for lodging, dining and shower facilities for more than 1,000 homeless San Diego veterans during the 2011 San Diego Stand Down July 15 through 17. Volunteers for Stand Down treat local homeless veterans and their children to three days of hearty meals, new clothes, entertainment and safe places to sleep. Veterans Village of San Diego hosts the Stand Down.

SAN DIEGO – Pfc. Allison Wright, an Atlanta native and motor transportation mechanic with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, and Cpl. Salvador Sanchez, a Winter Haven, Fla., native and food service specialist with MWSS-373, secure a tent pole at San Diego High School July 11.

SAN DIEGO – Sgt. Benjamin Webdell, a Gary, Ind., native who serves as a heavy equipment operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, helps unroll a tent at San Diego High School July 11.