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DECEMBER 2022



A Message from the Director

Suicide Prevention License Plate Unveiling

I was so proud to join with Governor Inslee, Representative Orwall, Dept. of Licensing Director Teresa Berntsen, and other leaders in Washington State on November 29 to unveil our state's new suicide prevention license plate emblem! Their collaborative efforts, along with significant contributions from members of the Governor's Challenge Team, made the day possible! (If you missed the ceremony, you can check it out here: [Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem Unveiling - TVW](#))

The license plate emblem will help deliver the message that **There is Hope** across our entire state. I know this message, along with the 988 Crisis Lifeline number will save lives and connect people to needed resources. I am grateful to all of the partners in Washington State who share the dedication and commitment for preventing Veteran, Service Member and Family Member suicides.

I ask you to join with us in spreading the word. You can pre-order your Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem by sending a check/money order for

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Other Positions Available at our Walla Walla, Spokane, Orting & Port Orchard Veterans Home.
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December Events & Observances List



Here is a current list of upcoming events that your WDVA is tracking.

Please email us your events at communications@dva.wa.gov so we can get them added.

December 08 - [VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training \(2 CEUs\) | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

December 09 - [\(11\) Commanders Call Town Hall Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee \(VAAC\) | Facebook](#)

December 15 - [2022 PACT Act Town Hall - VA Puget Sound | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

December 15 - [PACT Act Telephone Town Hall | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#) (Telephone Town Hall)

December 16 - [Vancouver Claims Clinic - Get Help With Your VA Claim | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake Holds Committal Service for over 100 Veterans on November 16



A true honor for the entire community providing the proper ceremony for more than 130 unclaimed veterans

The unclaimed Veterans remains of more than 100 veterans from throughout the state were escorted to the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake where the cremains were ceremoniously turned over to the Department of Veterans Affairs for interment. These individuals were interred in their final resting place with full military honors following a community committal service.

December 17 - [Washington State Veterans Cemetery-Veterans Holiday Remembrance | WDVA](#)

December 30 - [Moral Injury \(3CEUs\) | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

Submit your event at www.dva.wa.gov/calendar



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Port Orchard Veterans Home



On Sunday December 4th, we held the annual Elks Christmas dinner for the residents at the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard.

We have lost track of how many years the Elks have provided this special meal to our Veterans, but the residents always look forward to the day. The Elks members were here to serve the meal and visit everyone and the large group picture shows all of the amazing Elks members who were here to serve the meal. [#WeLoveOurCommunity](#)

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WDVA Spotlight Video



WDVA Recruitment Video - Join Us in Our Mission of Serving Those Who Served - [State of Washington Job Opportunities |](#)

Walla Walla Veterans Home



Spokane Veterans Home



Spokane Veterans Home Enjoy Night of Hoops

Our Spokane Veterans Home honored veterans enjoyed watching the local Women's Gonzaga Bulldogs basketball game against the North Carolina Queens.

Our veterans enjoyed sitting right behind the band and felt like celebrities watching the game with so many wonderful friends and fans coming up and thanking them for their service.

Thank you so much Gonzaga for providing this opportunity and for making everyone feel so welcome!



Walla Walla Veterans Home Honored Residents Enjoy a Night of Bingo

One of the most requested activities every month is BINGO and we had quite a few rounds of fun. We would like to thank our WWVH Volunteers and Staff for continuing to assist with various activities and games every month.

We would also like to thank Walla Walla Valley Bands for performing a concert for our honored residents. Thank you for volunteering your time and awesome talents to put on a great concert for our honored Veterans and their families! We're already excited for your next visit. this community event. [#weloveourcommunity](#)



You can help recognize Washington as a **Purple Heart State...Donate Today!**

**Available Now! Brand
New Suicide Prevention
License Plate Emblem**

SUICIDE PREVENTION LICENSE PLATE EMBLEM UNVEILING
2PM, NOV 29

WASHINGTON SAMPLE
988 LIFELINE | THERE IS HOPE!

2pm, November 29, 2022
State Capitol Reception Room
Capitol Campus, Olympia

RSVP:
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Members of the public are invited to help raise awareness for suicide prevention programs by purchasing a new suicide prevention license plate emblem.

All Washington State vehicle owners are eligible to purchase the emblem displaying the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number and the message that "There is Hope!".

Emblems cost \$18 and can be placed on any passenger vehicle, truck, and large trailer license plate, including special and personalized plates.

SUICIDE PREVENTION LICENSE PLATE EMBLEM - \$18 - AVAILABLE NOW!
\$10 FROM EVERY PLATE GOES TO THE VETERAN AND MILITARY MEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION ACCOUNT

To Purchase:
<https://rb.gy/lr2aun>

Ten dollars from the purchase of each emblem is deposited into the Veteran and Military Member Suicide Prevention Account. Grants from this account will be available to community organizations who provide suicide prevention, peer support, and other assistance to at-risk and transitioning veteran, military members, and their families.

[Read More](#)

Working Families Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant - Do you qualify?

Beginning February 1, 2023, the Working Families Tax Credit will provide payments up to \$1,200 to individuals and families who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Check to see if you will qualify: [Working Families Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant \(alchemer.com\)](https://www.alchemer.com/working-families-tax-credit-eligibility-assistant)

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Olympia, WA 98504



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Recognizing and Honoring Washington State Purple Heart Veterans – Washington Highway Sign Campaign

Every donation counts towards the goal of placing Purple Heart Highway Signs at all 34 state entrances into Washington! **(Seven down so far, let's keep up the great work!)**

Purple Heart Medals are presented to Armed Forces members who are killed or wounded in combat.

Learn more: [Purple Heart Donation](#)

Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery New Medal of Honor Memorial



Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery Medal of Honor Memorial Unveiling with Medal of Honor Recipient Master Sergeant Earl Plumlee



Washington Soldiers Home in Orting



Our Washington Soldiers Home in Orting has been keeping busy during the fall season with numerous fun events.



We would like to thank all of the individual volunteers and staff that supported the 2022 WSH Pumpkin Catapult, the 2022 Turkey Bowl and a special thank you to the DAR Mary Ball Chapter for supporting our 2022 Halloween Party.

WDVA is proud to have partnered with VFW Post 2224 to dedicate a Medal of Honor Memorial to honor and commemorate the four Medal of Honor Recipients interred at the Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery. The memorial was funded with private donations and in-kind donations from local businesses as well as contributions from the state legislature and Pierce County Council. [#WeLoveOurCommunity](#) [#TheseAreOurHeroes](#)

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