



WDVA Veteran Voices

March 2024

A Message From the Director

Greetings from Your WDVA Director - David Puente

The Vietnam Memorial on Capitol Campus will be the site of a special event on March 30, 2024, as the community comes together to honor and welcome home Vietnam Veterans. The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony will commence at 12:00 p.m., and all are invited to attend.

The ceremony aims to recognize and express gratitude to the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War both home and abroad. It will provide an opportunity for the community to come together and show their appreciation for the sacrifices made by these veterans. One of the highlights of the event will be the distribution of commemorative pins to Vietnam veterans and their spouses.



Those who have previously received a pin are encouraged to wear it proudly during the ceremony. The pins serve as a symbol of recognition and appreciation for their service. Vietnam Veterans in Washington State will now be officially recognized as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" in statute, replacing the previous designation of "Vietnam Veterans War Day." This change comes after years of advocacy by veterans and their supporters, who have long sought to acknowledge the challenges faced by these brave individuals upon their return from service.

We want to ensure that our Vietnam veterans feel the gratitude and respect they deserve. This ceremony is a small way for us to express our appreciation and to welcome them home properly.

The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony promises to be a memorable and heartfelt event. I encourage everyone in the community to join us in this important event. It is a chance for us to come together as a community and show our support for our Vietnam veterans.

The event is open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure a spot. Please refer to the flyer and information below.

WDVA News and Current Events



Walla Walla Veterans Home Awarded the Five-Star CMS Rating for Exceptional Quality of Care

The [Walla Walla Veterans Home](#), a leading nursing facility in southeastern Washington State, has been awarded the prestigious Five-Star CMS rating for its exceptional quality of care. This recognition highlights the home's commitment to providing top-notch services for our nation's Veterans, Vet spouses and widows, and Gold Star Parents.

An 'employer of choice' in the region, with an overall CMS rating of 5 out of 5, your Walla Walla Veterans Home has proven its dedication to delivering outstanding care and life-enriching support for those they're honored to serve. The facility's long-term care rating of High Performing, as reported by US News & World Report, further solidifies its position as a trusted provider of comprehensive and compassionate services.

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Launch of New Veteran Owned Business Program Logo Reflects Agency's Commitment to Innovation and Community

We are thrilled to announce the unveiling of our new Veteran Owned Business Program logo, marking a significant milestone in the ongoing development of our agency's brand. The refreshed logo not only represents who we are today but also symbolizes our future as we continue to grow and evolve.



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Events & Observances Calendar



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Check out what's happening at our Veterans Homes

Veterans who are rated at 70% to 100% Service-Connected disabled, are eligible for nursing home care at no cost. Veterans with a service-connected disability, if the service-connected disability is the reason they need care, may also have their nursing home care provided at no cost.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Served at any time, in any branch of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard;
- Received an honorable discharge;
- Reside in Washington State;
- Be the spouse of a resident or widow of an eligible veteran;
- Or be a Gold Star Parent who lost a child while serving in the armed forces.



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[Hot Jobs - Incentives Available](#)



Click the link below for available opportunities with WDVA!

[WDVA Job Opportunities](#)

Women Veterans

Women Veterans Conference (Yakima)

June 8, 2024, Washington State Women Veterans Conference

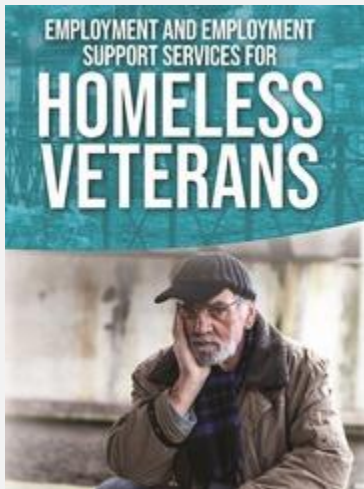
To register for the conference click [HERE](#)

To learn more about the Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC) click [HERE](#).



Program Highlight

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program



HVRP is a proven, successful program that gets homeless veterans off the street and back to being productive members of society.

WDVA provides HVRP services to Veterans in King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Clark, Yakima, Spokane, Stevens, Pend O'reille, Ferry, Grant, Adams, Lincoln, and Whitman Counties.

To learn more about program services and eligibility, click the button below.

[Learn More](#)

More Resources and Information

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

Honoring our Vietnam Veterans and Welcoming them Home

March 30, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Vietnam Memorial on Capitol Campus

Commemorative pins will be provided to Vietnam veterans and spouses, if you have received a pin previously, please wear it!

To learn more visit [\(9\) Facebook](#)



Washington State Government Hiring Event

Veteran and Military Spouse Recruitment

Hosted by the Veterans Employee Resource Group (VERG)

April 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, BLDG 6224 Aviation Readiness Center, Washington Army National Guard, 98443

For questions and information contact:

VERG.information@dva.wa.gov

100 Years of Caring for Our Nations Heroes

American Lake 100- Year Anniversary

March 15, 2024, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

VA Puget Sound Health Care System American Lake Campus Auditorium (Building 9)

