



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**VAAC TOWN HALL AND WOMEN VETERANS FORUM**

**September 4, 2024**

**8:30 am – 9:30 am Women Veterans Forum**

American Legion Post 34, Pasco

**10:00 am – 12:30 pm VAAC Town Hall**

**American Legion Post 34**

1029 W. Sylvester St.

Pasco, WA 99301

**AGENDA**

10:00 AM	Welcome Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation Land Acknowledgement Introduction of VAAC Members	Ron Black - VAAC Chair
10:05 AM	Introduction of Guests	Ron Black - VAAC Chair
10:10 AM	WDVA Updates	David Puente, WDVA Director
<b><u>Town Hall Presentations</u></b>		
10:15 AM	Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VAMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General VAMC Update</li><li>• Expansion for Richland CBOC</li><li>• Update on Funding for a new CBOC</li></ul>	Scott Kelter, Medical Center Director, Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center
10:25 AM	WDVA Program Overview and PACT Act	Leland Cooper, Outreach & Communities Partnerships Coordinator
10:45 AM	Overview of CVSO Office & Services Provided	John Penney, County Veteran Service Officer
10:55 AM	Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC) Overview and Update	Tzena Scarborough, WVAC Member
11:05 AM	VA Community Care	Melissa Stack Supervisor, Community Care

11:15 AM	<b>Break and Networking</b>	
11:30 AM	WDVA Suicide Prevention & Awareness	Jennifer Prewitt, Suicide Prevention Peer Specialist
11:40 AM	Jonathan M. Wainwright VA Programs for Mental Health & Behavioral Health	Bobi Goodson, MSW/LICSW Chief, Behavioral Health Merilee Richardson, LICSW Suicide Prevention Coordinator Lisa Maldonado, LCSW COMPACT Act Program Coord.
11:55 AM	Worksource/Homeless Services	Scott Stewart, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Case Manager & Jose Sandoval, Local Veterans Employment Representative
12:05 PM	Jonathan M. Wainwright VA Women's Veterans Program	TBD (may not have this)
12:15 PM	Town Hall Question and Answer Session	
12:25 PM	Closing and Meeting Adjourned	All