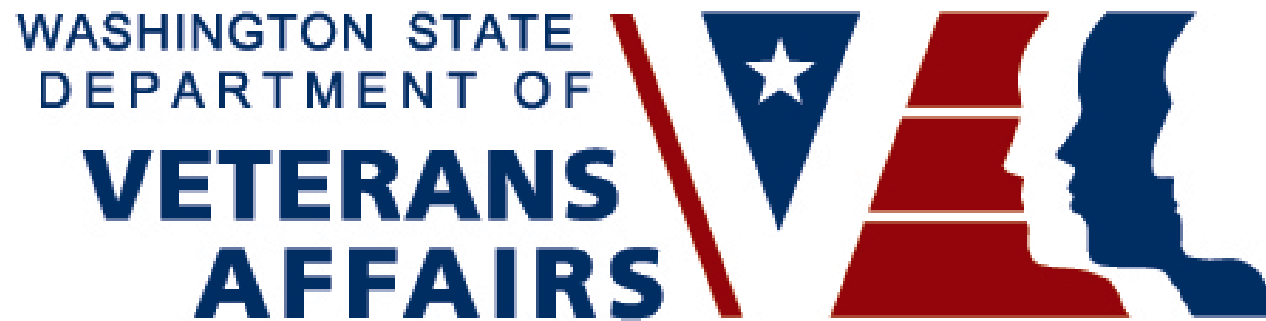


WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



"Serving Those Who Served"



MAJOR PROGRAMS

- State Veterans Homes
- Transitional Housing Program
- State Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans Services
- Counseling and Wellness



STATE VETERANS HOMES



Spokane Veterans Home

Spokane
Serving 100 Residents



WA Soldiers Home

Orting
Serving 97 Residents



WA Veterans Home

Port Orchard
Serving 240 Residents
Memory Care Provided



Walla Walla Veterans Home

Walla Walla
Serving 80 Residents
Memory Care Provided

Our State Veterans Homes are Medicaid and Medicare Certified and provide 24-hour nursing care, medical care and pharmacy services. **Veterans rated 70%-100% Service Connected, or whose service-connected disability is the reason nursing care is needed, may have their nursing home care paid by the Federal VA.**

As part of residing in our homes, our resident's benefit from:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreational Activities
- Social Services
- Volunteer Programs
- Hospice
- Nutritious Meals
- Community Involvement
- Religious Programs
- Transportation
- Laundry services
- Beauty & Barber Shops
- Fishing Pond (Orting)

To be eligible for admission, Veterans must need nursing home care and meet the following criteria:

- Served in the United States uniformed services, including National Guard;
- Meet discharge requirements (see [HTTPS://dva.wa.gov/Definition-Veteran](https://dva.wa.gov/Definition-Veteran));
- Reside in Washington State;
- Be the spouse of a Resident or widow of an eligible Veteran;
- or be a Gold Star Parent



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM (THP)

Transitional housing facilities in **Port Orchard** and **Orting** help Veterans in need with stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and employment.

Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wrap-around services that lead to successful program completion and their return to the community.



Program Goals

- Increased residential stability
- Greater self-determination
- Increased skill level and income potential

Building 10 in Port Orchard

- 48 Grant & Per Diem Beds
- 5 Medical Recuperative Care Beds

Roosevelt Barracks / Betsy Ross in Orting

- 62 Grant & Per Diem Beds
- 15 Contract Residential Shelter Beds



STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



21702 West Espanola Rd
Medical Lake, WA

Located in Medical Lake, WA The State Veterans Cemetery provides for in-ground casket burial sites and cremation interments. Columbarium niches, in-ground cremation inurnment and a scattering garden are available for cremation interments.

Eligibility mirrors that of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Cemeteries.

Armed Forces License Plates help support the State Veterans Cemetery

\$28.00 from the purchase and renewal of Armed Forces License Plates is tax deductible and helps pay for the maintenance and operation of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.



VETERANS SERVICES

Claims Assistance through Veteran Service Officers

- Olympia Service Center 1-800-562-2308 or Benefits@Dva.Wa.Gov
- WDVA contracts with 4 Veteran Service Organizations
 - American Legion
 - National Association for Black Veterans
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Vietnam Veterans America
- 23 County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) agreements with 30 (out of 39) counties being served
- 11 Tribal Veteran Service Officer (TVSO) agreements, 10 in Washington (out of 29) and 1 in Oregon



VETERANS SERVICES CONTINUED

Veterans Innovations Program (VIP)

The Veterans Innovations Program (VIP), was created to provide assistance to Veterans facing financial hardships who served on or after September 11, 2001.

Transitioning Warrior Program (JBLM)

Provides information about all available benefits to separating personnel from Joint Base Lewis McChord.

Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)

VEMP offers protective payee services for Veterans and family members who are incapable of managing their own financial affairs.

LGBTQ+ Veterans Outreach Coordinator

Connects LGBTQ+ Veterans to benefits and assists with the upgrade of discharge status.

Other WDVA Programs, Call Centers, and Service Hubs

- Olympia Service Center: 1-800-562-2308
- Spokane Regional Veterans Service Center
- VA Regional Office in Seattle



COUNSELING AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

WDVA Counseling Program

Our unique, no cost, clinical outpatient program provides confidential counseling services to people who have served in the United State military and their family members.

Veterans Training Support Center

The VTSC provides Veteran-related workshops for organizations to better serve Veterans and their family members. The Veterans Training Support Center offers this expertise at no-cost.

Brain Injury and Recovery Program – TBI Program

The WDVA Brain Injury & Recovery-TBI Program supports and represents every Veteran in Washington State who has incurred a Brain Injury or is experiencing symptoms of Brain Injury.

Veterans Conservation Corps

Provides opportunities for Veterans to connect with nature in their own way while restoring and cultivating Washington's natural resources.



SUICIDE PREVENTION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

Includes the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Servicemembers, Veterans and Families (SMVF)

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

- Community-Based Services Grant
- Veteran & Military Member Suicide Prevention Account
- Military & Veteran Resource Database & Web Application
- Educational Materials for Providers
- Suicide-Safer Homes Taskforce
- Prevent Veteran Suicide Emblem

Regionally located to provide:

- Community workshops
- Collaboration with regional agencies & organizations serving Veterans
- Resource referral

For Non-Emergency Questions/Requests for Assistant Email: Connect@DVA.wa.gov

Also see <https://dva.wa.gov/SP> for more information!



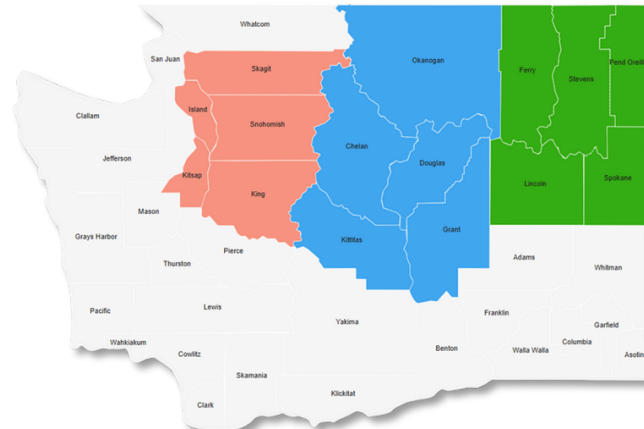
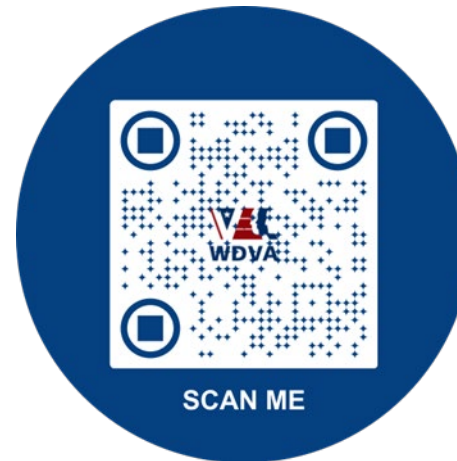
[New Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem](#)



STAFF SERGEANT FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION

Supporting Veterans at risk of suicide through early identification and connection to vital resources like VA Health Care, financial assistance, counseling, peer support, and community programs as well as other services including:

- Outreach
- Mental Health Screening
- Education on suicide risk & prevention
- Assistance obtaining VA benefits
- Coordinating other public benefits
- Expiration Term of Service-Sponsorship Pairing
- Lethal Means and Safety Equipment
- Peer Support
- Food Assistance
- Childcare Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Equine-supported Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Physical Therapy



TRANSITION, READINESS & FAMILY SERVICES

Military Spouse Initiatives

Policy and program advocacy for military spouses (employment, credential portability, childcare, etc.). Shares resources and provides individual consultation.

Apprenticeship Program

Assists Veterans in connecting with registered apprenticeships and other career-connected learning.

Veteran-Owned Business (VOB) Program

Recruits and enrolls Veteran and service members in VOB Certification and Linked Deposit programs. Convenes cross-sector entrepreneur business development workgroups.



WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

- 60,000 Women Veterans in Washington State
- Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC) since 2008
- Bimonthly educational Webinars and Brown Bags
- Recognition of Women Veterans Day on June 12th
- Incarcerated Women Veterans Program at state institutions
- Welcome Home sponsorship for women in the Transitional Housing Program
- Close relationships with federal VA partners for outreach and support



OTHER STATE BENEFITS

RCW 73.04.005

- **Reduced Fishing/Hunting License (DV 30%+), or 65 years of age or older with a service-connected disability)**
- **State Park Passes (DV 30%+)**
- **Federal Park Passes (all veterans)**
- **Reduced Public Transportation Fees (DV 40%+)**
- **Long Term Care Exemption (DV 70%+)**
- **Reduced Tuition at Public Colleges and Universities**
- **Free License Plates for 100% disabled veterans and Gold Star spouses and parents. This also includes Individual Unemployability**
- **Reduced Property Taxes (DV 80%+), contact the county assessor for more information. This also includes Individual Unemployability**
- **Reduced Sales Taxes (Tax Refund) for VA approved Specially Adapted Housing and Special Home Adaptation grants**
- **Recording of Discharges**
 - **DD 214 Database and Governor's Welcome Home Letters**
- **County Veterans Assistance Funds**



DEFINITION OF VETERAN

for the purpose of State veterans' benefits

SSHB 2014 – RCW 41.04.005, RCW 41.04.007

State definition of “veteran,” expanding state veterans’ benefits to any veteran who is already eligible for federal Department of Veterans Affairs monetary benefits.

Creates eligibility for state benefits for veterans who were separated with less than honorable characterizations of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service.



Connect to *Your* WDVA!

www.dva.wa.gov

Service Center – 1-800-562-2308
or Benefits@Dva.Wa.Gov

Veterans Homes Information
1-877-VETS-R-US / 1-877-838-7787

Veteran Services
Steven J. Gill – 360-789-5886

Cemetery
Rudy Lopez – 509-299-6280

Counseling and Wellness Program
Peter Schmidt – 360-789-9304

Transitional Housing Program
Building 10 Port Orchard, WA
360-764-0727
THP Orting - Roosevelt Barracks
360-982-4830

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