

Washington State Veteran's Benefits 2021



The state of Washington provides veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following:

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Housing Programs

State Veterans Homes

Washington State has over 100 years of experience caring for veterans and their families. The state runs four state veterans' homes. They are the Veterans Home at Retsil, the Washington Soldiers Home and Colony near Orting, the Spokane Veterans Home, and the new Walla Walla Veterans Home. There is a cost for care. All provide high-quality, long-term nursing and assisted-living care. Eligibility requirements include;

- Service at any time, in any branch of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard;
- Honorable discharge
- Resident of Washington State
- Spouse of a resident or widow of an eligible veteran
- Gold Star parent who lost a child while serving in the armed forces.

All State Veterans Homes are Medicaid and Medicare Certified and provide 24-hour nursing care, medical care and pharmacy services. A number of supportive programs and services are provided such as:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreational Activities
- Social Services
- Volunteer Programs - Find out more at <http://www.dva.wa.gov/veteran-homes/volunteers>.
- Hospice
- Nutritious Meals
- Community Involvement
- Religious Programs
- Transportation
- Laundry
- Beauty & Barber Shops
- Fishing Pond (Orting)
- Patriotic Internment Services

Call 1-877-VETS-R-US (1-877-838-7787) for more information. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Admission%20Application%20Packet%20Final.pdf>. Veterans rated 70%-100% Service Connected Disabled, or whose service connected disability is the reason nursing care is needed, may have their nursing home care paid by the Federal VA. The homes also accept Medicare, Medicaid, 3rd Party Insurance and Private Pay. Contact info for each of the homes follows:

Washington Veterans Home



Washington Veterans Home Port Orchard

1141 Beach Dr. PO Box 698, Retsil, WA 98378

Main Number (360) 895-4700 Admissions (877) 838-7787 RobinW@dva.wa.gov

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The Washington Soldiers Home and Colony. Located on 181 acres in the beautiful Puyallup Valley near Orting. Established in 1891, this was the first home built for Washington state veterans.



Washington Soldiers Home

1301 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy., PO Box 500. Orting, WA 98360
Main Number (360) 893-4515 Admissions Coordinator (877) 838-7787 or SophieP@dva.wa.gov

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Spokane Veterans Home. A place where veterans are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, in distinctive settings that provide a sense of belonging.



Spokane Veterans Home

222 East 5th Ave., Spokane, WA 99202
Main Number (509) 344-5770 Admissions Coordinator (877) 838-7787 or TraceySm@dva.wa.gov

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The Walla Walla Veterans Home. Co-located on the campus of the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center. This 80 bed nursing care facility was designed using a small house model and will provide care in 8 individual homes. All residents will enjoy a private room with a private bathroom and be cared for by a dedicated team of providers. Each house has an open kitchen, dining and living area much like any traditional home does, providing opportunities for residents to be involved in activities

such as meal preparation. In addition, the Homes are equipped with shared services such as laundry and a state of the art bathing room should residents need assistance.



Walla Walla Veterans Home

92 Wainwright Drive Walla Walla, WA 99362

Main Number (509) 540-0312 (509) 527-4199 (Fax) - Admissions Coordinator Lonna Leno 509-394-6806 or

lonnal@dva.wa.gov

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Veterans Transitional Housing Program

Building 9 for Veterans Transitional Housing Program is located at the Washington Veterans Home in Retsil, WA. The Veterans Home sits on a 31 acre bluff overlooking the Sinclair Inlet. The 60-bed transitional housing facility is available to assist those in need of stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and increased income potential. Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wrap-around services designed to lead to their successful completion of the program and a successful return to the community. Building 9 for Veterans focuses on three goals:

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

Eligibility for Admission

- Served in any branch of the US Armed Forces
- Received an Honorable or General Under Honorable Discharge
- Homeless for one or more nights
- Clean and sober for at least the last 30 days
- Desire to lead a clean and sober lifestyle
- Desire to make meaningful life changes leading to independent living
- Willing to undergo criminal background check

Most veterans are referred by the Federal VA Medical Center, and the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Liaison, Tony Sparber, who can be reached at 253 348 1475. Veterans may also call the Homeless

program at the American Lakes main line, at (253) 583-2825 for information and referral. Because we are a VA Grant and Per Diem Program, Randy screens applicants at the Federal VA level and routes them to Building 9. We also accept community referrals through Dennis Brown. Veterans may contact a Building 9 at 360-895-4371, you may also email bldg9@dva.wa.gov for more information.

SERVICES PROVIDED TO VETERANS IN THE PROGRAM

Case Management: Veterans in the program work in a collaborative partnership with case managers to form an individualized case plan. Accountability, progress in achieving case plan goals, and abiding by program rules are cornerstones to continuation in the program.

On-Site Chemical Dependency Services: Veterans in the program have access to individual and group chemical dependency services, including AA and NA groups. The program is a zero tolerance environment, with random drug and alcohol testing.

On-Site Mental Health Services: Veterans in the program have access to mental health services to identify issues that need to be addressed and to develop a course of treatment. The treatment plan may include individual and/or group mental health services. Part of the treatment may include life skills training and community volunteer work.

On-Site Job Center: An on-site job center is available to veterans in the program, providing access to computers, Internet, e-mail, voicemail, and fax services. Employment and training services are provided collaboratively by program staff, WorkSource, volunteers, community providers, and the local business community. Employment services include vocational guidance, job readiness skills, computer familiarity, computer-assisted job search, Internet and e-mail guidance, resume development, and job referrals.

Transportation: Building 9 for Veterans has a van to transport veterans in the program to case management related appointments. The facility is also located on bus lines and is accessible from the Seattle area by ferry.

Women Veterans Wing: Opened in July, 2017, the Women Veterans Wing provides more privacy and security for Women Veterans participating in the Building 9 Transitional Housing Program by offering a separate housing wing dedicated to serving the needs of Women Veterans.



Building 9

WA Veterans Home, 1141 Beach Drive East, Building 9, Port Orchard, WA 9836
Main number 360-895-4371 or email bldg9@dva.wa.gov

Homeless Veterans Program

WDVA provides outreach services for homeless veterans in Puget Sound. These services are designed to assist homeless veterans to become employable and reintegrated back into the labor market. Services include needs assessments, enrollments in appropriate programs, shelter and transitional housing placements, employment and training support services.

Eligible homeless veterans are provided with case management services and financial support to meet the needs of housing, transportation, food and clothing. The primary strategy for WDVA homeless veterans services is to promote job readiness development to improve homeless veterans competitiveness in the employment market.

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP)

The HVRP offers a structured, individually designed case management plan to make veterans employable and secure by providing, housing, food, transportation, living stability and employment support services.

House Key Veterans Program

House Key Veterans is a down payment assistance, second mortgage program with a 3.00% interest rate and a ten-year loan term for Washington State Veterans who have served their country. House Key Veterans combines with the Home Advantage first mortgage loan program.

Financial Assistance Program

Veterans Estate Management Program

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Veterans Estate Management Program offers protective payee services for veterans and family members who are incapable of managing their own financial affairs. By assuming custody of the individual's finances, the department ensures basic needs -- such as housing, food, clothing and medical care are provided.

The WDVA director is authorized to provide protective financial services to veterans and beneficiaries deemed in need of assistance. These services may include the following:

- Fiduciary appointment by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Representative payee appointment by the Social Security Administration; or
- Act as an executor of a veteran's estate.

Property Tax Exemption

Veterans with a 100% service-connected disability or over the age of 61 with an income of less than \$40,000 (not inclusive of VA disability payment) may be exempt from paying property tax on their home. Surviving spouses may also qualify for this benefit.

Financial Assistance

Most counties have financial assistance programs available for military and veteran families.

Education Benefits

Partners for Veteran Supportive Campuses

Washington State has welcomed home thousands of military personnel who deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. This force of volunteer men and women have earned many entitlements; yet all too often these veterans transition home and in their desire to return to civilian life, quickly lose sight of the available services. By providing information and assistance to the state's institutions of post-secondary education and training programs, this MOU seeks to:

- Increase awareness of veteran's programs on and off campus
- Provide staff members with a core set of veteran cultural competencies
- Encourage campuses to implement best practices and policies designed to foster social support, acceptance, a welcoming environment, and a setting that meaningfully acknowledges the contributions of our veterans
- Encourage veterans to use GI Bill benefits
- Help veterans succeed in post-secondary education and training
- Ensure staff and veterans have access to services through WDVA and its federal and local partners
- Encourage the exchange of information between participating organizations to support veteran success

A Summary Washington State's Education Benefits for Veterans

- The State Legislature has authorized state community colleges, colleges and universities to waive 'all or a portion of tuition and fees' for eligible veterans or national guard members.
- Each college or university establishes and operates their own veterans waiver program so it is best to get in touch with the college or university you plan to attend for details on their program.
 - A list of colleges and universities is available at: <http://wsac.wa.gov/colleges-and-institutions-washington>
- Go to <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=28B.15.621> to read more about the tuition waiver law

A Summary Washington State's Education Benefits for Dependents of 100% Disabled Veterans or those who died as a result of military service.

- The State Legislature requires state community colleges, colleges and universities to waive all undergraduate tuition and fees for eligible dependents of eligible veteran or National Guard member up to 200 quarter credits or equivalent semester credits.
- Waivers for graduate credits are encouraged but not required.
- Fees include all assessments for costs incurred as a condition to a student's full participation in coursework and related activities at an institution of higher education.
- Eligible veteran or National Guard member is the same as defined in [the tuition waiver law](#) , RCW 28B.15.621.

Vet Corps

The WDVA Vet Corps is funded through an AmeriCorps Grant. Vet Corps members are stationed at many colleges throughout the state. Vet Corps members help veterans achieve their higher education goals. For more info refer to <http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/vet-corps>.

Scholarships from Service Organization

- <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>
- <http://www.legion.org/scholarships>
- <http://www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships/>
- <http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx>
- <https://www.mcsf.org/apply/eligibility/>

Washington Universities

To find a list of Colleges and Universities operating in Washington refer to <https://www.wsac.wa.gov>

Guide for Veterans Attending College

Refer to: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/PRINT%20Veterans%20College.pdf>

Employment Benefits

There are many resources to help with your job search! The WAVA linked a few of them to this site and hope you'll take a few minutes to explore them. If you need help along the way, just let them know at benefits@dva.wa.gov or by contacting a veterans employment representative at your local WorkSource Office.

Find a Job:

- [WorkSource](#) and [WorkSource Job Search Page](#)
- [Veterans Employment Center](#)
- [VA for Vets](#)
- [Heroes to Hired Job Search](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation / Vet Success](#)
- [Hire America's Heroes](#)
- [Camo2Commerce](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#) -
 - [Helmets to Hardhats](#)
 - [Veterans In Piping](#)
 - [Veterans in Construction Electrical](#)
- [WDVA Jobs](#) and other [State Jobs](#)
- [Federal Jobs](#)
- [Port Jobs - Seattle](#)
- [Mentors & Job Search Skills](#)
- [Goodwill Operation: Good Jobs](#)
- [Commercial Drivers Licenses](#)

State Employment

Honorably discharged combat veterans or those with a campaign ribbon, and their surviving spouses, shall be preferred for appointment and employment.

For state jobs that require an examination 5% will be added to the score of a non-combat veteran, 10% will be added to the score of a combat veteran, and 5% will be added to the score of a mobilized guard or reserve member. Honorable discharge is required.

Military Service Credit

Washington State Department of Retirement Systems offers military service credit to qualified public employees

Translating Military Training or Experience to WA State Licensure or Credentials

People with military training and experience may count their training and experience towards certain civilian healthcare profession credentialing requirements if the state determines it is substantially equivalent to the state's standards.

Translating Military Training or Experience to WA State Licensure or Credentials:

A law passed in 2011 affecting how WA State evaluates certain military training and/or experience towards meeting licensing requirements. If the profession for which you're applying is listed below, clearly state your military training in the education and training sections of the [application form](#) and include supporting documentation. This law only applies to the following professions:

- [Cardiovascular invasive specialist](#)
- [Dental assistant](#)
- [Denturist](#)
- [Dispensing optician](#)
- [Emergency medical technician and first responder](#)
- [Expanded dental function auxiliary](#)
- [Health care assistant](#)
- [Nursing assistant-registered and certified](#)
- [Ocularist](#)
- [Osteopathic physician assistant](#)
- [Pharmacy technician](#)
- [Pharmacy assistant](#)
- [Physical therapist](#)
- [Physical therapist assistant](#)
- [Physician assistant](#)
- [Radiologic assistant](#)
- [Radiologic technologist](#)
- [Respiratory care therapist](#)
- [Surgical technologist](#)
- [X-ray technician](#)

Military Commercial Drivers License Skills Test Waiver

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) skills test waiver form may be used by service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). This waiver allows a qualified service member to apply for a CDL without skills testing. CDL knowledge (written) test(s) cannot be waived.

Washington State Conservation Corps

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs in partnerships with local counties, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and federal agencies operates several internship and paid programs. These programs work to restore and protect Washington State's natural resources.

Recreation Benefits

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Discounted hunting and fishing licenses are available to 30% and greater disabled veterans resident or non-resident. These licenses are also available to those over 65 with any disability.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses for Active Duty

Active duty U.S. military stationed in Washington State are considered residents and qualify for resident licenses as long as they are stationed in Washington unless they have a license from another state, then they must purchase a non-resident license. An active duty military member who maintains his status as a resident of Washington can continue to buy resident licenses in Washington even if transferred elsewhere, as long as he/she doesn't purchase a resident license in another state.

State Parks Disabled Veteran Lifetime Pass

Free camping/moorage, campsite reservations through State Parks central reservations system, watercraft launching, trailer dump and day use. Valid year-round for 30% or greater disabled veterans.

Burial Benefits

In general, veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and their spouses and dependent children are eligible for burial. There is no residency requirement. There is no charge for veteran interments, and a one-time fee of \$300.00 fee for eligible dependents. All other funeral expenses are borne by the family Visit the [Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.

Cemeteries & Burial Services

Washington State Veterans Cemetery. This cemetery was established in a collaborative partnership between the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Veterans Administration. The state provided 120 acres of land for the facility and the VA provided an \$8.8 million federal grant to design, construct and completely the operation. The cemetery sits adjacent to Fairchild Air Force Base,

overlooking West Medical Lake. The initial grounds breaking ceremony was held on May 25, 2009. The site was dedicated on May. 31, 2010 with the first interment taking place on Jun 7, 2010. Included in the initial site development was a committal shelter, over 1,000 pre-placed crypts, 2,080 columbarium niches, an unspecified number of burial plots for in-ground inurnments as well as a scattering garden. Also included in the initial development were an administrative building, with public and private meeting space and a fully enclosed maintenance facility for storage and upkeep of grounds equipment and machinery.

The State Veterans Cemetery is located 3 miles west of Fairchild Air Force Base. From the flag assembly area looking southward, Francher Butte and West Medical Lake are present. Looking northward from the Committal Shelter, military aircraft banking northward off the 90 foot flagpole with its 30 foot flag lowered to half-staff often form the backdrop to interment services, and provide a serene setting for the final resting place of our nation's heroes, our veterans and their families. The Public Information Center is located in the administration building. There is a grave site locator kiosk, accessible 7 days a week located just inside the foyer along with cemetery pamphlets that answer many questions.

The cemetery has an Avenue of Flags that leads up to the Flag Assembly Area. At the base of the Avenue of Flags is the POW-MIA flag. The Flag Assembly Area serves as the site for large community events such as Memorial Day ceremonies. There are 10 granite memorial benches in this area that commemorate service members of various 20th century wars, all donated by various service organizations.

Eligibility for interment in the Washington State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. In general: All U.S. Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; Spouses; and Dependent Children. This cemetery has space available to accommodate casketed and cremated remains. Public Law 106-65 authorizes qualifying veterans' full military honors as a final act of respect for a veteran's honorable military service. The Washington State Veterans Cemetery collaborates with all branches of the military and local Veterans Service Organizations' Honor Guard teams to conduct military honors upon request.

The Washington State Veterans Cemetery will serve veterans and other eligible individuals from Washington and other States. \$300.00 will be collected for interment of eligible spouses or eligible dependent children. Veterans who are eligible for interment are also eligible for a Federal VA Plot Allowance. The State Veterans Cemetery Office applies for and collects this plot allowance. Neither the State nor the Federal VA pay for other funeral expenses, such as preparation. These fees are paid by the Veteran's family or estate.

Some Veterans or their widows/widowers are eligible for Federal VA benefits in addition to the plot allowance. To determine whether the veteran or family member is eligible for additional benefits call 1-800-562-2308. Internment and preregistration applications with instructions can be downloaded at

- https://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/Interment%20App_0.pdf
- <https://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/Preregistration%20Application.pdf>



Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W. Espanola Rd., Medical Lake, WA 99022

Office Phone: 509-299-6280 Office Fax: 509-299-6286 Email: cemetery@dva.wa.gov
<https://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans-their-families/cemetery>

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Tahoma National Cemetery.

Tahoma National Cemetery was established Nov. 11, 1993, and opened for interments on Oct. 1, 1997. The cemetery was dedicated on Sept. 26, 1997. A small expansion project was completed in March 2006. The \$6 million project included over 12,000 new columbarium niches, more than 5,000 pre-placed crypts, road improvements, new signage, a third committal shelter and a third funeral cortege lane at the Public Information Center. Phase II of the expansion project was completed in June, 2014. The \$24 million project included over 14,000 new columbarium niches, more than 9,000 pre-placed crypts, 6,000 in-ground garden cremation sites, two memorial walls and an ossuary. Two new roads for accessing the new burial sections were constructed using permeable asphalt. The three new columbarium complexes contain rain gardens and bio swales to help mitigate the need for storm water runoff and retention ponds.

Tahoma has a Memorial walkway containing 36 memorials that commemorate soldiers of various 20th century wars, donated by various service organizations. At the northeast corner of the walkway is the POW-MIA flag. At the southwest corner of the walkway is a carillon that was donated by the Navy Fleet reserve Association Seattle branch 18 and was installed in 2010, dedicated to the volunteers of Tahoma National Cemetery. A Blue Star Memorial is located south of the Public Information Center. The marker was originally part of a banner that families displayed in their homes during the 1940s to signify that they had a loved one fighting in World War II. Today, the marker honors all veterans.

From the flag assembly area looking southward, Mt. Rainier is ever present. A magnificent setting for the final resting place of our nation's heroes, our veterans. The Public Information Center is manned totally by volunteers. These volunteers help the visitors that come to Tahoma National Cemetery with many questions and concerns. They also coordinate with cemetery personnel on the funeral corteges and getting the family to the correct shelter for the committal service.

- Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Closed federal holidays except Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- Visitation Hours: Cemetery gates operate automatically, opening at 6:00am and closing between 6:00pm and 9:00pm depending on hours of daylight.

Burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial. For more information visit the [eligibility web page](#).

Burial benefits in National Cemeteries include a gravesite, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains. This cemetery has space available to accommodate casketed and cremated remains. Tahoma National Cemetery has a Veterans Service Organization Honor Guard Association. These veterans provide honors to 90 percent of the veterans interred here. The Association is made up of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Elks Club, and other organizations. This cemetery has space available to accommodate casketed and cremated remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the Veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran.

The Veterans family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense. To schedule a burial Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117. Tahoma National Cemetery has a Veterans Service Organization Honor Guard Association. These veterans provide honors to 90 percent of the veterans interred here. The Association is made up of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Elks Club, and other organizations.



Tahoma National Cemetery

18600 Southeast 240th Street, Kent, WA 98042- 4868

Phone: (425) 413-9614 FAX: (425) 413-9618

<https://www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/tahoma.asp>

Other State Veteran Benefits

VA Facilities

The Veterans Administration operates a number of facilities in Washington state to provide a variety of services to veterans. Location and contact information follows:

Vet Centers

- Bellingham Vet Center -- 3800 Byron Ave Suite 124, Bellingham, WA 98229 Phone: 360-733-9226 Or 360-733-9226 Fax: 360-733-9117
- Everett Vet Center -- 3311 Wetmore Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 Phone: 425-252-9701 Or 425-252-9701 Fax: 425-252-9728
- Federal Way Vet Center -- 32020 32nd Ave South Suite 110, Federal Way, WA 98001 Phone: 253-838-3090 Or 253-838-3090 Fax: 253-874-5083
- Seattle Vet Center -- 4735 E Marginal Way S, Room 1102, Seattle, WA 98134 Phone: 206-658-4225 Or 877-927-8387 Fax: 206-658-4220
- Spokane Vet Center -- 13109 E Mirabeau Parkway, Spokane, WA 99216 Phone: 509-444-8387 Or 509-444-8387 Fax: 509-444-8388
- Tacoma Vet Center -- 4916 Center St. Suite E, Tacoma, WA 98409 Phone: 253-565-7038 Fax: 253-254-0079
- Walla Walla County Vet Center -- 1104 West Poplar, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Phone: 509-526-8387 Or 877-927-8387
- Yakima Vet Center -- 2119 W. Lincoln Ave, Yakima, WA 98902 Phone: 509-457-2736 Or 509-457-2736 Fax: 509-457-1822

Regional Benefit Offices

- Seattle Regional Benefit Office -- Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Ave. , Seattle, WA 98174 Tel 1-800-827-1000
- Intake Sites
 - West Sound/Bremerton Pre-Separation Office -- Bangor Sub Base - Everett Naval Station - Kitsap – Whidbey Island Naval Air Station 262 Burwell Street, Bremerton, WA 98337
 - Fairchild Air Force Base Airman and Family Readiness Center -- Fairchild AFB, WA 99011
 - Fort Lewis Waller Hall, Bldg 2140, Room 700 -- Fort Lewis, WA 98433
 - McChord Air Force Base Waller Hall, Bldg 2140, Room 700 , Fort Lewis, WA 98433

VA Health Care System

- Seattle: VA Puget Sound Health Care System -- 1660 South Columbian Way, Seattle, WA 98108 206-762-1010 | 800-329-8387
- Lakewood: VA Puget Sound Health Care System - American Lake Division -- 9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma, WA 98493 Tel 253-582-8440 | 800-329-8387

VA Medical Center

- Spokane: Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center -- 4815 N. Assembly St. Spokane, WA 99205
Tel: 509-434-7000 | 800-325-7940
- Vancouver: Portland VA Medical Center - Vancouver Campus -- 3710 SW U.S. Veterans
Hospital Rd. Portland, OR 97239 Tel: 503-220-8262 | 800-949-1004
- Walla Walla: Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center -- 77 Wainwright Drive,
Walla Walla, WA 99362 Tel: 509-525-5200 | 888-687-8863

Outpatient Clinic

- Colville RHC -- 1200 E Columbia, Colville, WA 99114 Phone: 509-684-3701 Fax: 509-684-5817
- Republic RHC -- Ferry County Memorial Hospital, 36 North Klondike Road, Republic, WA
99166 Phone: 509-773-3153 Fax: 509-775-8929
- Tonasket RHC -- North Valley Hospital, 203 S. Western Ave., Tonasket, WA 98855 Phone: 509-
486-2151 Fax: 509-486-3160
- Yakima: Yakima Valley Vet Center and CBOC -- 2119 W. Lincoln, Yakima, WA 98902 Phone:
509-457-2736 Fax: 509-457-1822
- There is also a VA Clinic offering Medical and Mental Health Care at Yakima Community Based
Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) -- 717 Fruitvale Blvd, Yakima, WA 98902 Phone: (509) 966-0199

Community Based Outpatient Clinic

- Bellevue: Valor CBOC Bellevue -- 13033 Bel-Red Road Suite 210. Bellevue, WA 98005
- Phone: 425-214-1055 Or 425-214-1055
- Bremerton: Bremerton CBOC -- 925 Adele Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98312 Phone: 360-782-
0129 Fax: 360-377-8029
- Chehalis: South Sound CBOC -- 151 NE Hampe Way, Chehalis, WA 98532 Phone: 360-748-
3049
- Fax: 360-748-3006
- Federal Way: Valor CBOC Federal Way -- 34617 11th Place South Suite 301, Federal Way, WA
98003 Phone: 253-336-4142
- Mount Vernon: Mount Vernon CBOC -- 307 S. 13th St., Suite 200, Mount Vernon, WA 98274
Phone: 360-848-8500
- Port Angeles: North Olympic Peninsula, -- 1114 Georgiana St, Port Angeles, WA 98362 Phone:
360-565-7420
- Richland (WA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic -- 825 Jadwin Ave., Ste. 250, Federal Bldg.,
2nd Floor, Richland, WA 99352 Phone: 509-946-1020 Fax: 509-946-0827
- Seattle: Valor CBOC North Seattle -- 12360 Lake City Way NE, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98125
Phone: 206-384-4382
- Wenatchee CBOC -- 2530 Chester-Kimm Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Phone: 509-663-7615 Or
509-663-7615 Fax: 509-663-7516
- Yakima (WA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic -- 717 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, WA 98902
Phone: 509-966-0199 Fax: 509-966-4266

Home Loans

- Department of Veterans Affairs VA Regional Loan Center -- 155 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, CO 80228 (Mail: Box 25126, Denver, CO 80225) Tel: 888-349-7541

Contact Numbers

- Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- VA Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
- Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits: 1-877-294-6380
- CHAMPVA: 1-800-733-8387
- Education (GI Bill): 1-888-442-4551
- Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387
- Women Veterans Hotline: 1-855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)
- Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange /Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation: 1-800-749-8387
- Status of Headstones and Markers: 1-800-697-6947
- Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: (TDD) Dial 711

PTSD Counseling Services

How to apply

1. Get a letter of eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs verifying a 100% service-connected disability.
2. Complete the online Military License Plate at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420500.pdf>
 - Check the box for Disabled American Veteran plates **or** Disabled American Veteran tabs.
 - Be sure to sign and date the form.
3. Mail the completed application **and** letter of eligibility to: Vehicle Licensing, Department of Licensing, PO Box 9909, Olympia, WA 98507-8500

Recording of Discharges

Free recording of veteran discharge papers by County Clerks. Records are confidential

Veteran License Plate

The Washington Department of Licensing issues license plates to eligible veterans/military/family members with six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and WA National Guard. Purchasers also receive a decal indicating their military status. The following plates are available:



[Gold Star](#)



Disabled American Veteran



Purple Heart



Former Prisoner of War



Medal of Honor



Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS)



Pearl Harbor Survivor



Veteran/Military Service Award emblems



The special license plates may be used in place of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles, including motorcycles, required to display one and two motor vehicle license plates. The original cost to purchase an Armed Forces plate(s) is \$40.00 plus any applicable licensing fees. When the vehicle registration becomes due, you will need to pay an additional \$30.00 to keep the Armed Forces plate(s) on your vehicle, even if you have not had the plate(s) for a full year. \$28 from the purchase and renewal of each plate will be directed to the Veterans Stewardship Account and is tax deductible. The Veterans Stewardship Account will be used for activities that benefit veterans, such as maintaining the state veteran's cemetery in eastern Washington and providing programs and services for homeless veterans.

Veterans, military and family members may purchase Armed Forces License Plates. In addition plates are offered to recipients of the Medal of Honor or Purple Heart and Gold Star family members. Free license plates are provided to 100% disabled veterans and Gold Star Widows(ers). Visit www.dva.wa.gov or call 800-562-2308

Incarcerated Veterans & Vet Court

The Veteran's Incarcerated Reintegration Services, a joint project with King County to address the needs of veterans' incarcerated in County Correctional Facilities, offering alternatives to jail and referral to housing, employment services, and treatment. Many of the veterans have come to the jail due to untreated drug and alcohol issues, poverty, homelessness, or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The program provides:

- Transitional housing for veterans upon release from the jail
- Assessment and referral to the Puget Sound VA Health Care System for treatment including drug, alcohol and mental health counseling
- A job referral and placement services, and
- Assistance with court appearances and early release requirements.

Veterans Court Programs

- [King County Veterans Services | News Release](#)
 - [City of Seattle Veterans Court Video](#)
 - [Seattle Veterans Treatment Court](#)
- [Thurston County Veterans Court](#)
- [Pierce County Veterans Drug Court](#)
- [Clark County Veterans Therapeutic Court](#)
- [Spokane County Veterans Court](#)
 - [Article in Spokesman Review](#)
 - www.spokaneveteransforum.org
 - www.veteranscourt.camp9.org

For more information go to <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/veterans.aspx#Veteran%20Reintegration%20Services>

Capitol Campus Memorial Locations

1. [World War II memorial](#)
2. [Law Enforcement memorial](#)
3. [Winged Victory monument](#)
4. [POW-MIA memorial](#)
5. [Medal of Honor memorial](#)
6. [Tivoli Fountain](#)
7. [Vietnam Veterans memorial](#)
8. [Territorial Sundial](#)
9. [Du Pen fountain](#)
10. [Sea to Sky](#)
11. [Woman Dancing](#)
12. [Korean War memorial](#)
13. [Untitled Stainless Steel](#)
14. [Boiler Works](#)
15. [Water Garden](#)
16. [The Shaman](#)
17. [Mysteries of Life](#)
18. [Arc of Statehood](#)



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For contact information and benefits assistance visit the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://www.dva.wa.gov>.

Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/washington-state-veterans-benefits.html>
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