

"Serving Those Who Served"

WASHINGTON STATE VETERANS BENEFITS



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Federal

Veterans Benefits Administration

Veterans Health Administration

Board of Veterans Appeals

Non-Profit Organizations

Catholic Community Services

Veteran Service Organizations

Churches

State

Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs

County

Veterans Assistance Fund

King County Vets or, Kitsap Community resources


And many, many, more

How can WDVA Help

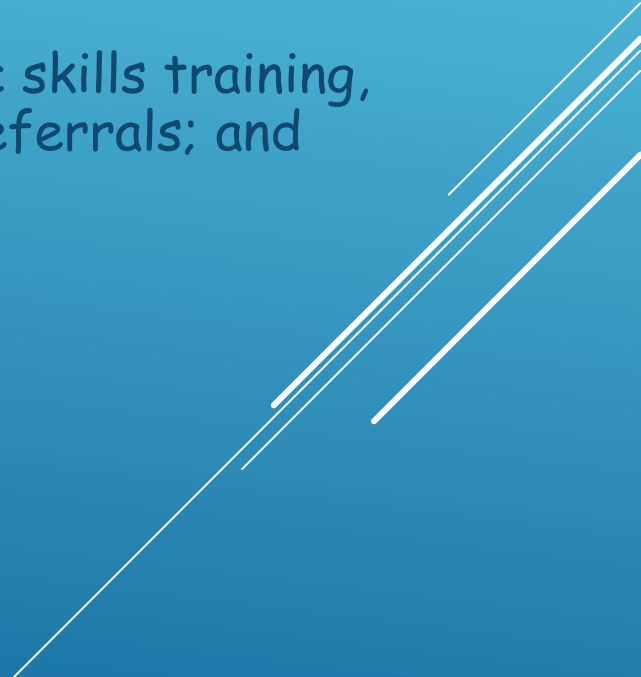
- ▶ The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is a full-service state agency that assists veterans, their family members and survivors. The department is an advocate for veterans and their families, and aggressively pursues all federal and state benefits and entitlements on their behalf.
- ▶ We are staffed with qualified Veterans Benefits Specialist to assist veterans and family members in accessing benefits they may be entitled to.




Homeless Services and Transitional Housing

- ▶ Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project
 - ▶ Building 9 Transitional Housing Program
 - ▶ Incarcerated Veterans Program
 - ▶ King County Veterans Services
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Program Services include:

- ▶ Immediate needs - food, clothing, transportation, and access to shelter;
 - ▶ Outreach to homeless veterans providers;
 - ▶ Employability needs and skills assessment;
 - ▶ Job readiness services, including transitional housing assistance, basic skills training, therapeutic work, résumé development and employment opportunity referrals; and
 - ▶ 30, 60, 90, 180, and 270-day job retention follow-up.
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Claims Assistance and Connection to Benefits


- ▶ Provide assistance filing for VA Compensation and Pension benefits
 - ▶ Enrollment into VA Health Care
 - ▶ Partnering with DSHS Enhancement program
 - ▶ Connect with resources
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Financial Assistance Benefits and Programs

- ▶ Veterans Estate Management Program (Fiduciary)
- ▶ Veterans Innovation Program (OEF/OIF)
- ▶ County Veterans Assistance Funds

*<http://www.dva.wa.gov/benefits/county-map>

Behavioral Health Program

- ▶ PTSD and War Trauma Counseling Programs
 - ▶ Traumatic Brain Injury awareness and Max Impact App
 - ▶ Vet Corps
 - ▶ Veteran Friendly Campuses
 - ▶ Veterans Training Support Center and,
 - ▶ Veterans Conservation Corps
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Veterans Conservation Corps Program

- ▶ The Veterans Conservation Corps Program provides meaningful training and volunteer opportunities for veterans. They provide opportunities for veterans to connect with nature in their own way while restoring Washington's natural resources.

Areas of focus

- *Higher Education
- *Veterans Farm at Orting
 - *Internships
 - *Ecotherapy

Jermaine Kearsse visits the Veteran Farm in Orting.
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with projects on the farm!



VETCORP AT WORK

State Veteran Homes

- ▶ WDVA has four homes located through out the state of Washington:
 - ▶ Orting
 - ▶ Retsil
 - ▶ Spokane and,
 - ▶ Walla Walla

Services Provided:

Physical therapy, Occupational Therapy, Recreational Therapy,
Volunteer Programs, Hospice, Community Involvement, Religious Programs and,
Transportation

WDVA Cemetery

- ▶ The Washington State Veterans Cemetery serves veterans and their families, fulfilling a nation's promise to care for its veterans.
- ▶ The creation of the State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake fills a significant service gap for veterans & families in Eastern Washington & North Idaho via \$10.9 million in federal grants. More than 4,000 veterans and family members have been interred in this national shrine since opening in 2010.



WASHINGTON STATE PASSES AND LICENSES

- ▶ State Park Passes
- ▶ Reduced Hunting and Fishing License Fees
- ▶ Reduced Public Transportation Fees
- ▶ Disabled Veterans License Plates



WDVA Website and contact info

- ▶ www.dva.gov
- ▶ benefits@dva.wa.gov
- ▶ 1-800-562-2308



Questions

