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VETERAN VOICES/ SPECIAL VETERANS DAY EDITION

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VETERANS DAY
 IN THIS TIME
 IS THE HEART OF THE PEOPLE
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 THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
 IS ENSHRINED FOREVER

November 11, 2017



"To care for him who shall have borne the battle..."

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A Message from the Director Lourdes "Alfie" E. Alvarado-Ramos Alfie@dva.wa.gov



Veterans Day: Honoring Veterans and Their Families

To our Veterans and their families, I would like to wish you a great Veterans Day and thank your service to our country! Regardless of how many years, months, or days ago you served, your willingness to put the greater good of our Nation first speaks volumes and is what makes us strong!

I also want to take a moment to thank the many service providers who continue to make Washington the most Veteran Ready State. Each day, YOUR State Department of Veterans Affairs works to connect all veterans and their families to the benefits earned through their military service. There is no way our agency could do this without the fantastic friends, partners, and advocates we have in our State.

Wherever you are this Veterans Day, please allow me to thank you for your service and encourage you to continue helping us bring home our vets who are yet to claim their earned benefits. Have a great Veterans Day weekend!

Construction Direct2Apprenticeship

November 28, 2017, 0900-1200

Camp Murray, Bldg 91, DuPont, WA 98327

Meet with Representatives from Construction Industries:

Iron Workers

laborers

Carpenters

Electricians

And more!

POC: Megan Clark at Megan@anewaop.org

or

Rachel Roberts at RachelR@dva.wa.gov



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Construction Direct2Apprenticeship connects you with training directors, employers and apprenticeship coordinators from construction industries in Washington State. Hear from a multitude of panelists, learn about your GI Bill® benefits in apprenticeship, and see what jobs there are in Washington State. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network and start a new career in construction. Learn more about the apprenticeship training model and about Washington's growing economy. Transition into living wage careers now.

DEFENDED AMERICA NOW BUILD AMERICA!

Register — <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iblm-direct2apprenticeship-november-2017-service-member-tickets-39203814665?aff=es2>

PROCLAMATION: Veterans Day

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, during the past century, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to more than 598,000 veterans, 60,000 active duty military, 19,000 National Guard and Reserves, and their families; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, our veterans understand the important task before those American servicemen and women now keeping watch; and

WHEREAS, all Washingtonians must strive to ensure that ours remains a land worthy of the great love our veterans have shown for it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2017, as

Veterans Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.



Signed this 20th day of October, 2017



Governor Jay Inslee

Submit 2017 Veterans Day Events & Observances

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<p>Washington Soldiers Home, Orting (November 11)</p>	<p>2:00pm Chilson Hall, Orting Veterans Home Terryn@dva.wa.gov</p>
<p>Washington Veterans Home, Retsil (November 11)</p>	<p>10:00am 1141 Beach Dr, Lower Activity Room, Retsil WA TamiR@dva.wa.gov</p>
<p>Spokane Veterans Home (November 11)</p>	<p>10:00am, Saturday, 222 E 5th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202 Jeanette Sauer-Smith, 509-344-5788 JeanetteS@dva.wa.gov</p>
<p>Walla Walla Veterans Home, Walla Walla (November 11)</p>	<p>2:00pm 92 Wainwright Dr., Walla Walla WA 99362 TonyaW@dva.wa.gov</p>
<p>Auburn Veterans Day Parade *REGIONAL SITE (November 11)</p>	<p>11:00am, Saturday, Nov 11 East Main St Downtown Auburn Kristy Pachciarz, 253-931-3052 kpachciarz@auburnwa.gov</p>
<p>Thurston County Veterans Council (November 11) WW2 Veteran SSG Fred Parker</p>	<p>10:30am—Music 11:00am Capitol Rotunda, Olympia, WA TCVCCChairman@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Veterans Day Event Hosted by Veteran's Employee Resource Group (VERG) (November 11)</p>	<p>8:30am Winged Victory Memorial on Capitol Campus Olympia Jennifer.Mcdaniel@dva.wa.gov</p>

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<p>Tahoma National Cemetery "20th Veterans Day Ceremony" (November 11)</p>	<p>11:00am 18600 Southeast 240th Street Kent, WA 98042 Thomas.yokes@va.gov or 425-413-9614</p>
<p>West Valley High School Spokane (November 10)</p>	<p>9:45am 8301 E Buckeye Ave, Spokane, WA 99212 Carol.Preston@wvsd.org</p>
<p>Veterans Day Concert @Benaroya Hall, (November 11)</p>	<p>2:00pm Benaroya Hall 206-417-5677 bspicer@washelli.com</p>
<p>Fort Vancouver National Site Parade *REGIONAL SITE (November 11)</p>	<p>10:00am Ceremony/11:00am Parade Fort Vancouver National Site Natalie Hantho, 360-992-1804 events@thehistorictrust.org</p>
<p>Grandview's Veterans Day "\$O\$" Brunch (November 11)</p>	<p>10:00am, Must RSVP Grandview Community Center, 812 Wallace Way, Grandview James Davidson, 509-830-3849 adjutant.walegion57@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rotary Veterans Day Program (November 9)</p>	<p>12:00pm , \$15 for lunch Wenatchee Red Lion Ford Barrett, ford@financial-alternatives.net</p>
<p>West Richland Parade *REGIONAL SITE (November 11)</p>	<p>9:30am Downtown West Richland (Van Giesen St.) May Hayes, 509-967-0521 mayhayes@westrichlandchamber.org</p>

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State Committed to Supporting Veteran Workforce

Programs/credits for veterans & businesses who hire them

Veterans have a lot to offer the workforce and state agencies are committed to help them be successful in pursuing their careers.

The WDVA has teamed up with the Department of Revenue and the Employment Security Department to promote some of the programs and tax credits available to veterans and businesses who hire them.

“Veterans make great employees,” said Lourdes “Alfie” Alvarado-Ramos, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs. “Any employer looking for results-focused individuals who know how to lead, follow and contribute to a high performance organization should hire a veteran.”

Businesses that hire unemployed veterans for full-time employment in Washington can receive credit against their Business and Occupation (B&O) or Public Utility Tax (PUT). This tax break became effective Oct. 1, 2016. Businesses can earn credits through June 30, 2022.

“Our veterans have dedicated their lives to serving our country,” said Vikki Smith, Director of the Department of Revenue. “The skills they developed in the military make them a valuable contributor to our state’s workforce.”

Businesses can also check out other state and federal tax credits and programs available to support veteran employment:

Work Opportunity Tax Credit: This federal tax credit is available to employers who hire veterans who meet the criteria at the time of hire. <https://esd.wa.gov/about-employees/WOTC>.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act: This program offered by the U.S. Department of Labor can provide training assistance and supportive service to eligible job candidates. Some jobs may qualify for On the Job training opportunities that can reimburse an employer half of a trainee’s wages, up to \$5,000. www.doleta.gov/wioa/.

Veteran Owned Business Certification: Veteran- or service member-owned businesses can become certified to do business with state agencies and have their businesses added to a statewide list of veteran-owned businesses. The list provides state agencies and other private businesses easy access to veteran-owned businesses’ information. <http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/veteran-owned-business-certification>.

2000 Veterans Hired Since 2016!

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YES VETS 2016

2017 Hire-A-Veteran Award Recipients

The state Employment Security Department recently recognized 12 Washington businesses/agencies for their efforts to employ military veteran in 2017. Department commissioner Dale Peinecke announced the Hire-A-Vet award recipients in support of Gov. Jay Inslee's Hire-A-Veteran Month proclamation and the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

"Hiring a veteran isn't just a good idea, it's good business," said Peinecke. "Today's veterans are highly skilled and possess an amazing work ethic. I encourage other Washington businesses to follow the lead of these companies and consider veterans in their next hiring decisions."

Award recipients were nominated by WorkSource veterans employment representatives who work directly with employers to help recruit, hire and retain veterans. Visit <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/washington-companies-honored-for-hiring-veterans> to view full nominations.

The 2017 Hire-A-Vet Award Recipients are:

- McLaughlin Research Corporation (MRC)
- Department of Licensing (DOL)
- Janicki Industries
- Comcast Service Center
- G4S Secure Solutions (USA)
- Pierce County
- ADD Security Inc.
- McCain Foods
- Shields Bag and Printing
- Boise Cascade
- CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company
- Patronus Services, Inc.

WA State Outstanding Service to Veterans Awardees to be honored in Auburn

Several Washington residents will be honored this Saturday with Outstanding Service to Veterans Awards for their contributions to Washington State's veterans and their families during the past year.

The awards - co-sponsored each year by the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs - recognize individuals who devote time and energy to improving the lives of Washington's veterans.

The awards are presented at a special luncheon in Auburn, following the awardees participation in the City's annual Veterans Day Parade. Parade starts at 11 am and luncheon begins at 1:30 pm.

The 2017 Outstanding Service to Veterans are:

- Dr. Theresa Cheng – Issaquah
- Armando Mejia – Renton
- Jermaine Kearse –
- John Moysiuk – Tumwater
- Consulate General of the Republic of Korea – Seattle
- Spokane Veterans Treatment Court – Spokane
- Butterfly Wranglers – Tacoma
- Heroes on the Water NW – Tacoma
- Senator Jan Angel
- Representative Kristine Reeves



2016 Outstanding Service to Veterans Awardees

For more information on the awardees nomination, contact Liza Narciso at Lisan@dva.wa.gov

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26th IAWP Veterans Day International Association of Workforce Professionals (NOVEMBER 9)	12:00pm Starts at WWII Memorial on Capitol Campus in Olympia Ann Hartman 360-902-9476
Puyallup VFW Veterans Day City of Puyallup (November 5)	1:00pm, 120 2nd Street Northeast Puyallup, WA 98372 eaglenest42@comcast.net
Spokane Veterans Day Service Honor Point Military Museum (November 11)	1:00pm, 6095 Rutter Ave Spokane, WA 98372 cemetery@dva.wa.gov
68th Annual Veterans Day Celebration—Evergreen Washelli (NOVEMBER 11)	10:30am 11111 Aurora Ave N Seattle, WA 98133 bmccoy@washelli.com
Challenger Elementary School Annual Assembly (NOVEMBER 13)	2:45pm Challenger Elementary, Issaquah, WA dziedzic@issaquah.wednet.edu
In Their Honor Seattle Wind Symphony (NOVEMBER 12)	3:00pm 400 S 2nd St Renton, WA 98057 lightofthespirit@comcast.net

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YOUR EVENT HERE	YOUR EVENT HERE
Veterans Day Dinner American Legion Post 160, Seattle (November 11)	5:30pm-7:30pm 3618 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA 98126 kfgeraghty@gmail.com
Challenger Elementary School Annual Assembly (NOVEMBER 13)	2:45pm Challenger Elementary, Issaquah, WA dziedzicc@issaquah.wednet.edu
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SPOKANE AREA: Direct2Apprenticeship



Direct2Apprenticeship

REGISTER:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spokane-military-direct2apprenticeship-tickets-38051406782?ref=estw>



WHO: Transitioning Service Members & Veterans

WHAT: WA Apprenticeship Job Fair

WHEN: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 from 10am—2pm

WHERE: Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training Center
2110 N Fancher Way, Spokane, WA 99212
(Large white building behind Zips at corner of Trent and Fancher)

WHY: Discuss Apprenticeships and Employment Opportunities

CONTACT: RachelR@dva.wa.gov or Megan@anewaop.org

Connect with training directors, employers, and apprenticeship coordinators from multiple industries in Washington State. Hear from panelists about today's economy and job market and the apprenticeship training model. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network one-on-one to find the right match for you. And learn more on how the GI Bill works for apprenticeships. Join us!



Thurston County Stand Down

Veterans Stand-Down

November 17, 2017 Employment Preparation



An Employment Preparation Event for Veterans who do not have permanent employment, a permanent address, and who are living in alternative housing or shelters.

Please present your DD-214 at registration. If it is not available a Veteran Representative will assist you.

Location-

Olympia National Guard Armory
515 Eastside St., SE Olympia, WA. 98501

A Community Partnership including:

Veterans Administration

WDVA

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

DSHS

Marine Corps League

American Legion

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Chamber of Commerce

Employment Transition Services

Community Service Support Agencies

Schedule for November 17, 2017

7:00—11:00 am

- * Transportation
- * Haircuts
- * Showers/ personal hygiene
- * Breakfast/Lunch
- * Clothing/personal needs

12:00 - 3:30 p.m. Job Fair

- * Hiring Orientation/Overview
- * Resume/ Qualification Prep
- * LVER/DVOP one-on-one
- * Meet with legal aid/support
- * Meet with WIA program staff

WORKSource



For more information, please contact your area Veteran Representative:

John Moysiuk Thurston/Mason
(360) 704-3614 jmoysiuk@esd.wa.gov



Donate/Volunteer for Wreaths –across– America



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 is Coming and Washington
 State Veterans Cemeteries
NEED YOUR HELP!

DEADLINE TO DONATE/VOLUNTEER IS NOVEMBER 27, 2017.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	TIME	POC:
MEDICAL LAKE (WAW SVC) 2970 Graves	21707 W Espanola Rd, Medical Lake, WA 99022	12pm December 16	Joyce Durrant 509-928-1189
ORTING (WAW SHO) 1265 Graves	1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy E, Orting, WA 98360	9am December 16	Valerie Marks 360-761-9646
RETSIL/PORT ORCHARD (WAW VHR) 3000 Graves	1141 Beach Dr, Retzil, WA 98378	9am December 16	Julie Bright 207-470-0965

Washington State will host several **WREATHS –across– AMERICA** ceremonies across the state on December 16th.

Please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org to locate a cemetery, to volunteer and/or donate.

Sponsor Wreaths at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

*Contact POC for address to mail checks

**Volunteers and Wreaths STILL NEEDED!



"Serving Those Who Served"

Spokane VAAC Meeting



★ Calling all Eastern ★
Washington Veterans,
Veteran Service Providers
and Family Members!!!

We want to hear from you about Veterans Issues important to you and your community!



Meet area leaders and providers to learn about local veterans services and benefits, and hear about veterans issues being debated in the Washington State Legislature.

★ ★ ★
November 16, 2017
9:00am - 12:00pm
Free Continental Breakfast Provided
Lincoln Center 1316 North Lincoln St.
Spokane, WA 99201

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Receive information on transition, employment, education and housing programs.

Learn about the wide range of benefits available including compensation and pension and military funeral honors.

Find out about counseling, financial assistance and support for you and your family.

*Hosted by YOUR Spokane County Regional Veterans Services Center
and YOUR Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs*

DECEMBER: Seattle Stand Down

Have you served in the military?

7TH ANNUAL SEATTLE **STAND DOWN**

December 14 - 15, 2017

Georgetown Campus

South Seattle College
Gene Colin Education Hall - Building C
6737 Corson Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

Ride transit for FREE:

All King County Metro and Sound Transit buses and trains are **FREE** for Veterans showing the following forms of identification:

- ★ Veteran Health Identification (ID) Card
- ★ Uniformed Identification (ID) Card
- ★ Veteran Designation on drivers' license
- ★ DD-214
- ★ Special Stand Down bus pass provided by local social service providers.

Metro routes closest to the Georgetown Campus include routes 60, 124, 131 and 154.

For assistance finding the best transit directions to the event, call Hopelink Mobility at 425-943-6760, or visit the "Transportation and Direction" section of the Stand Down website.



twitter.com/SeaStandDown

facebook.com/TheSeattleStandDown

For more info visit: www.theseattlestanddown.org

Veteran Led, Community Driven

DAY 1

Thursday, December 14
Registration 7 am
Services: 8 am - 4 pm

DAY 2

Friday, December 15
Registration 7 am
Services: 8 am - 2 pm

- ★ Food: Breakfast & Lunch
- ★ Employment Resources
- ★ Housing Assistance
- ★ Legal Services / Resources
- ★ State & Federal Benefit Assistance
- ★ Gear and Clothing
- ★ Medical / Dental / Vision
- ★ Behavioral Health
- ★ Haircuts / Foot Care
- ★ Women-Specific Services

Bringing your DD-214 or VA ID speeds up processing.

Assistance with DD-214 retrieval will be available at the event



Georgetown Campus
SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE
One of the Seattle Colleges



PROCLAMATION: Veterans' History Awareness Month

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, during the past century, millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to more than 607,000 veterans, 60,000 active duty military, 19,000 National Guard and Reserves, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the advent of the all-volunteer military has reduced the number of individuals and families with any personal connection to the Armed Forces, resulting in decreased awareness of the importance of the accomplishments of those who have served; and

WHEREAS, people are encouraged to wear red each Friday in November to demonstrate their support; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the future leaders of our nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who serve; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has enacted legislation declaring November of each year as Veterans' History Awareness Month, and designating the week in which Veterans Day occurs as a time to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of our veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

Veterans' History Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2017

Governor Jay Inslee



DON'T MISS OUT ON VETERAN/MILITARY EVENTS IN THE STATE!

Washington Department of Veterans Affairs Events Calendar

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<https://www.facebook.com/wsdva/events>



THIS WEEK	Event	Location	Action
MAY 4	Job Fair Success Workshop Tomorrow 9 AM - by JBLM Opportunities Unlimited	ERP Bldg 551 Barnes Blvd...	★ Interested
MAY 5	Interview Ready Thu 9 AM - by JBLM Opportunities Unlimited	Employment Readiness Res...	Get Tickets ★ Interested
MAY 5	Military Job Fair Thu 10 AM - by JBLM Opportunities Unlimited	American Lake Conference Ctr Tacoma	★ Interested

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Listserv: <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=WDVA&A=1>

WDVA Web Calendar: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/calendar>



****We will return back to our normal format for the next edition****

Have an event of interest to Veterans you want others to know about?

Send fliers and information to communications@dva.wa.gov

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Olympia, WA 98504-1150
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