



## A Message From the Director

### Greetings from Your WDVA Director - David Puente

As we approach Veterans Day, I want to recognize all our Veteran staff, Residents, volunteers, and agency partners and say thank you for your service. We are incredibly proud to work with such dedicated members of our team and community who serve with honor. These individuals have selflessly served our country and now serve our communities in the best ways they can—making them truly invaluable to us. And to military spouses, family members, and caregivers I extend my sincere appreciation! We know that military service touches everyone in the family and without your contributions our Veterans would not have had the support and stability to perform the duties asked of them.



If you can, please attend one of the wonderful events this year to show your appreciation for Veterans Day! For options about how to commemorate and pay tribute to those who have served, view our calendar of events that our community partners have shared throughout Washington.

Visit our Veterans Day List of events at [2023 Veterans Day Proclamation, Events & Observances to Share on Veterans Day | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

Happy Veterans Day!

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## WDVA News and Current Events



**OLYMPIA, WA** – Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs welcomes Ron Black as the new Chair and Robert “Bob” Meade as the Co-Chair of the Governor’s Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) is a seventeen-member committee appointed by the Governor. Each member is appointed to a

term of four years. Veterans are recommended for appointment to the VAAC by the leadership of nationally recognized Veteran Service Organizations active in Washington State, and up to four members are appointed as veterans at large.

The VAAC Operates with the motto of No Veteran Forgotten and serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs.

“We are excited to welcome Ron, as the new Chair to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee and Bob as the Vice Chair. With this duo’s dedication and expertise, I am confident that they will be great assets to your WDVA and will be instrumental in helping us continue to serve our Veterans with the best possible support and services. Ron and Bob’s passion and dedication to our Veterans makes them outstanding leaders and we look forward to furthering our mission of achieving the highest quality of life for our Veterans.” – WDVA Director, David Puente.

[Read More](#)

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## November Events & Observances Calendar



[Click Here to View Upcoming Events](#)

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## Check out what's happening at our Veterans Homes



## Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard

Our Washington Veterans Home showed their Halloween spirit and enjoyed trick or treating with the community. What fun and exciting time!

Click [HERE](#) for more photos.

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## Washington Soldiers Home in Orting

Washington Soldiers Home residents and staff enjoyed Oktoberfest trivia questions, pretzels and non-alcoholic beer to celebrate 213 years since King Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese Von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

Click [HERE](#) for more photos.



## Walla Walla Veterans Home

Our Walla Walla Veterans Home residents enjoyed a day in Oregon touring an Army National Guard Hangar and viewing a B-25 and other aircraft. This tour was a meaningful and memorable experience for all who attended

Click [HERE](#) for more photos.

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## Spokane Veterans Home

Our residents and staff at our Spokane Veterans Home had a spooktacular time dressing up for Halloween! These ghouls and gals showed their Halloween spirit!

Click [HERE](#) for more photos.



**Hot Jobs - Incentives Available**



Click the link below for available opportunities with WDVA!

**[WDVA Job Opportunities](#)**

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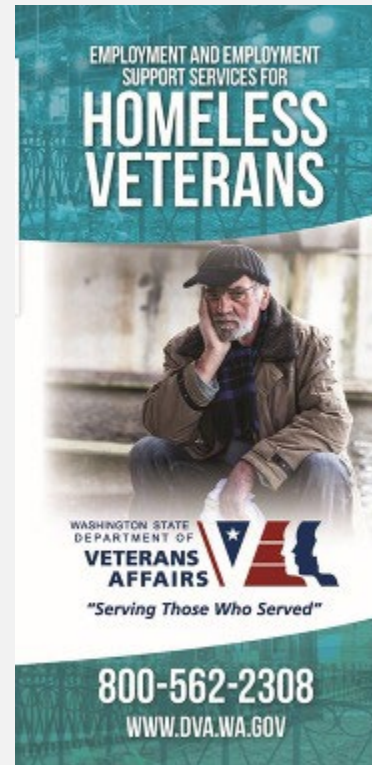
## **Program Highlight**

**Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program**

The WDVA Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) is a proven, successful program that gets homeless veterans off the street and back to being productive members of society. WDVA provides HVRP services to Veterans in King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, Clark, Thurston, Lewis, Yakima, Spokane, Stevens, Pend O'reille, Ferry, Grant, Adams, Lincoln, and Whitman Counties.

The HVRP offers a structured, individually designed case management plan to assist veterans become employable and secure.

To learn more about the HVRP Program visit [Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program](#) or call 1-800-562-2308.



## More Resources and Information



### Register now for the 2023 Hire-A-Vet Washington Virtual Job Fair!

YesVets is hosting a statewide virtual job fair with the support of the Seattle Seahawks and [#TaskForce12](#), for Veterans, transitioning service members, National Guard and Reserve members and military spouses. This event is dedicated to support our local military community. There will be 50+ employers and 15+ Veteran resource and support organizations. The event will be held on Nov 7th from 10AM to 2PM online.

**Don't miss out on this opportunity! Register now!**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Prevent Veteran Suicide Emblem

Please help raise awareness of suicide prevention programs by purchasing this license plate emblem. The \$18 fee supports organizations that provide resources to at-risk and transitioning [#veterans](#), [#military](#) members, and their families.



To become a partner in the fight against suicide and purchase a license plate emblem click the link below.

## **988 – Prevent veteran suicide emblem**

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