



Role of Resident Councils in State Veterans Homes

Washington State Law requires that each State Veterans Home have a Resident Council with members elected by facility residents. Annually, the Councils elect officers and review bylaws.

Resident Councils act as advisors to the Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and to the Administrator of their Home in policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the home. In addition, each year they provide input into proposed expenditures from the Resident Benefit Fund.

The Resident Benefit Fund may receive private donations and gifts. Disbursements from each benefit fund are for the benefit and welfare of the residents of the State Veterans Homes.

Funds may be spent with the authorization of the Administrator, or their representative, after approval has been received from the Resident Council.

The Administrator or their representative meets with their Resident Council at least monthly and the WDVA Director meets with the Resident Councils at least three times each year. The Veterans Homes provide meeting space and administrative support for their Resident Councils.

WDVA's Non-Profit Status

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs is a government not-for-profit and is exempt from federal taxes.

WDVA may accept charitable contributions according to Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part VI, Section 170 of the IRS Code.

WDVA is also registered with the Secretary of State as a charitable organization and is listed as a participating charitable organization in Washington State's Combined Fund Drive.

WDVA Tax ID Numbers:

- Central Office 91-0969074
- Soldiers Home at Orting 91-6001078
- Veterans Home in Port Orchard 91-6001084
- Spokane Veterans Home 91-2152443
- Walla Walla Veterans Home 36-4824048