

Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC)



VAAC

- The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) is a seventeen member committee appointed by the Governor.
- The VAAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Town Hall meetings serve two purposes: Inform veterans and families and Educate VAAC members.

VAAC Town Hall Meetings

- [Shelton - April 28, 2016](#)
- [Chelan - July 21, 2016](#)
- [Wapato - September 15, 2016](#)
- **Bellingham** - October 20, 2016
- [Kelso - November 17, 2016](#)
- March 16, 2017 – **Marysville**
- **Commander's Call** – May 18, 2017 – AMVETS Post #1, located at 5717 S. Tyler St, Tacoma, WA
- September 21, 2017 – **Vancouver**
- October 19, 2017 – **Aberdeen**
- November 16, 2017 – **Spokane, WA**
- **Olympia** TBD

How can VAAC and VSO's be better Partners?

To get More interaction between VAAC and VSOs the VAAC will:

- Before a Town Hall
 - Check in with the local VSOs and Community Providers to find out what the top 3 – 5 issues are in *that* community so that the agenda can address those issues specifically.
 - Ask VSO and Community Providers to share information about the Town Hall with all members and encourage them to help spread the word in their community!
- After a Town Hall
 - Share meeting minutes and information that was discovered to answer questions asked during the Town Hall.
 - Ask that the VSO distribute this information to all members!
- Each Year the VAAC will:
 - Compile a list of common issues and outcomes from Town Hall Meetings to be provided to the WDVA Director and the Governor to demonstrate the impact of the Town Halls, and as potential areas for policy changes.

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To address Recruitment and Retention of Members with the *Knowledge, Skills and Abilities* needed to serve on the VAAC, the VAAC will:

- Engage with the VSO 4-6 months prior to a VAAC Member's Term Expiration
- Work with the VSO to identify three new candidates for that VSO to submit to the Governor's Office.

Thank you

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Chuck Wharton, Vice Chair

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