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## **WDVA Veteran Voices**

**APRIL 2022** 

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## A Message from the Director



Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program

I would like to bring attention on this edition of the Veteran Voices to an incredible program that continues to grow and benefits both veterans and their caregivers. The VA's **Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers** was initially instituted for **eligible** Veterans who served **on or after September 11, 2001**; and recently expanded to those who served **on or prior to May 7, 1975.** 

This program is for family caregivers or others designated as a primary caregiver who live full time in the household. Program benefits **may** include education and training, mental health counseling, travel, lodging, and financial assistance when traveling with the Veteran to receive care; a monthly stipend,

## **April Events & Observances List**



Here is a current list of upcoming events that your WDVA is tracking.

Please email us your events at <u>communications@dva.wa.gov</u> so we can get them added.

Apr 12 - Comorbidities and Shared Symptoms - Veterans Training Support Center - <u>Comorbidities</u> and Shared Symptoms (Non-CEU) | WDVA (wa.gov)

Apr 14 - VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training - VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training | WDVA (wa.gov)

Apr 21 - Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Town Hall in Aberdeen - <u>Veterans Affairs Advisory</u> Committee Town Hall Meeting being held in Aberdeen - April 21 | WDVA (wa.gov)

Apr 15 - A Second Mission! Entrepreneurship | Town Hall Info Session: <u>A Second Mission! Entrepreneurship</u> Town Hall Info Session | WDVA (wa.gov)

Aug 25 - Serving Those Who Served Conference - Save the Date! 5th Annual Serving Those Who Served WDVA (wa.gov)



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Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

access to health care benefits through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) and at least 30 days per year of respite care for the Veteran. This is huge opportunity for those who had to cease work to care for a loved one or for an aged spouse who wishes to keep their loved one home, but is unable to care for them.

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## Day 2022

An event was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Campus on March 29 in honor National Vietnam War Veterans Day and Washington State's "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."



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### WDVA Hot Jobs



# Nursing Assistant-Certified staff!

Your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs is in the market for new NACs right now, and we're ready to sweeten the deal!

New full-time permanent hires are eligible for a payment of **\$1,500** on the date of their hire. These new staff members may also be eligible for an additional **\$1,500** after their six-month probationary period and any required training.

Want to know more? Contact us at recruitment@dva.wa.gov.

For more information on this limited time incentive, go to www.dva.wa.gov/nursing-assistant-recruitment-and-retention-incentive



WDVA Food Service Worker Lead, Full Time, Permanent, Washington Veterans Home

WDVA Director of Nursing Services, Washington Veterans Home

WDVA Licensed Practical Nurse 2, Full Time, Permanent, Washington Veterans

### Walla Walla Veterans Home

Veterans of Foreign Wars Presents Donations to WWVH

Drew James, VFW WA Department Surgeon and Chad Hassebroek, VFW WA State Commander both presented \$500 donations to WWVH and specified that it go toward acquiring therapeutic fish tanks for the houses, starting with Memory Care. Trina Parrish. Walla Walla's Local VFW District Commander. presented a \$500 donation to the WWVH Welfare & Betterment fund to go toward whatever the residents choose.



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WDVA Cook 1, On-Call, Walla Walla

WDVA Maintenance Mechanic 2, Orting

WDVA Cook 2, On-Call, Spokane

WDVA Registered Nurse 2, On-Call, Walla Walla

WDVA Registered Nurse 3, Restorative Supervisor, Orting

Other Positions Available at our Walla Walla, Spokane, Orting & Port Orchard Veterans Home. Recruiters @dva.wa.g

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### **Spokane Veterans Home**



Sweat treats for our WA Air National Guard for assisting us in our Spokane Veterans Home

They have been assisting staff with screening and temperature checks in our lobby, visiting with our honored veterans, hanging up new wall clocks, putting up bulletin boards in veterans rooms, helping move items in storage units, so much cleaning, and they are always willing to lend a hand!

## You can help recognize Washington as a Purple Heart State...Donate Today!

All Individuals and Organizations are invited to donate to place Purple Heart State signs on all highway entrances to Washington State. This project will thank and honor Veterans who were killed or wounded and received a Purple Heart in service to their country. Donations in any amount are welcome and every donation counts!

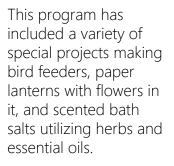
Visit the <u>Purple Heart State Sign Campaign</u> <u>page</u> to learn more!



## Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard

The Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard is making the most of our ELDER Grow project.

Kali, our Master Gardner, was teaching a class on pruning and propagating and every resident planted a miniature garden for them to take to their rooms.



We all are learning



Thank you so much for answering the call and for assisting us with <u>#ServingThoseWhoServ</u> <u>#TheseAreOurHeroes</u> great new things through this program. <u>#WeLoveOurCommunit</u>

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### April is Month of the Military Child

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome. via Month of the Military Child: April | DoDEA

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1-800-562-2308

Join Us in Saluting Our Military Children

## Sign Up for Available Veterans Conservation Corps Internships:



The Veterans Conservation Corps was created in 2005 in an effort to help veterans find healing and purpose through the restoration and cultivation of Washington's natural resources.

This WDVA program links veterans to internships and volunteer opportunities around the state.

Internships | WDVA (wa.gov)



Please take a few moments and provide us with feedback to make us better in 2022 at Serving Those Who Served.

Your feedback is instrumental in the continued improvement of your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs.



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