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VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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COMMANDERS CALL

December 6, 2023 – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Thurston County Readiness Center

8303 Kimmie St. SW

Olympia, WA

AGENDA

- 9:30 AM Welcome
- David Puente, Director WDVA
 - Ron Black, Chair Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee
- 9:35 AM Pledge of Allegiance - All
- 9:40 AM WA Department of Veterans Affairs
- David Puente, Director WDVA
 - Overview of WDVA Strategic Plan and Agency Goals
 - 2024 Legislative Session and Budget Requests
- 10:00 AM WDVA Veterans Services and Counseling & Wellness
- Mary Forbes, WDVA Assistant Director
- 10:20 AM WDVA Suicide Prevention & Peer Support Services
- Connie Chapman, Suicide Prevention Program Manager and Keith Meyer, Counseling & Wellness Program Director
- 10:40 AM WDVA Homes
- Dan Murray, Homes Operations Director
 - Washington Veterans Home – Port Orchard
 - Washington Soldiers Home - Orting
 - Spokane Veterans Home – Spokane
 - Walla Walla Veterans Home – Walla Walla
- 10:50 Woman Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC)
- Shellie Willis, WVAC Chair
 - WVAC Overview
- 11:00 AM Break**

- 11:15 AM VA Puget Sound Health Care System
- Dr. Larry Pruitt, Director for Suicide Prevention
- 11:35 PM Seattle VA Regional Office
- Chantelle Stovall, Assistant Director
- 11:55 PM Tahoma National Cemetery
- Tom Yokes, Cemetery Director (Tom confirmed)
 - Update on Tahoma National Cemetery and VA/CA Burial Benefits and eligibility requirements.
- 12:10 PM Commander's Roundtable
Questions and Answers
- 12:30 PM Adjourn