

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



"Serving Those Who Served"

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MAJOR PROGRAMS

- State Veterans Homes
- Transitional Housing Program
- State Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans Services
- Counseling and Wellness



STATE VETERANS HOMES



Spokane Veterans Home

Spokane
Serving 100 Residents



WA Soldiers Home

Orting
Serving 97 Residents



WA Veterans Home

Port Orchard
Serving 240 Residents
Memory Care Provided



Walla Walla Veterans Home

Walla Walla
Serving 80 Residents
Memory Care Provided

Our State Veterans Homes are Medicaid and Medicare Certified and provide 24-hour nursing care, medical care and pharmacy services. **Veterans rated 70%-100% Service Connected, or whose service connected disability is the reason nursing care is needed, may have their nursing home care paid by the Federal VA.**

As part of residing in our homes, our residents benefit from:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreational Activities
- Social Services
- Volunteer Programs
- Hospice
- Nutritious Meals
- Community Involvement
- Religious Programs
- Transportation
- Laundry
- Beauty & Barber Shops
- Fishing Pond (Orting)

To be eligible for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Served at any time, in any branch of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard;
- Received an honorable discharge;
- Reside in Washington State;
- Be the spouse of a resident or widow of an eligible veteran;
- Or be a Gold Star Parent who lost a child while serving in the armed forces.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM (THP)

Transitional housing facilities in **Port Orchard** and **Orting** help veterans in need with stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and employment.

Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wrap-around services that lead to successful program completion and their return to the community.



- **Building 10 in Port Orchard - 48 Beds**
- **Roosevelt Barracks / Betsy Ross in Orting**
 - **52 Beds** in Roosevelt Barracks
 - **10 Beds** in Betsy Ross which are dedicated for women veterans
 - **20 Beds** Contract Residential Shelter

Program Goals include:

- Increased residential stability
- Greater self-determination
- Increased skill level and income potential

Contact THP, Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30, at 360-895-4371

Or THP staff at:

Building 10: Port Orchard, WA

Phone: 360-895-4371

Fax: 360-895-4451

Roosevelt Barracks: Orting, WA

Phone: 253-263-0735

Fax: 360-893-5623

Email: thp@dva.wa.gov



STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



21702 West Espanola Rd
Medical Lake, WA

Located in Medical Lake, WA the cemetery has a committal service shelter, and provides for casketed burial, columbarium niches, and burial plots to support cremations, as well as a scatter garden.

Eligibility mirrors that of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Cemeteries.

Armed Forces License Plates help support the State Veterans Cemetery
\$28 from the sale or renewal of each Armed Forces License Plate are directed to operating and maintaining the state veteran's cemetery, and to providing programs, and services for veterans without homes, and other activities that benefit veterans



VETERANS SERVICES

Claims Assistance through Veteran Service Officers

- WDVA contracts with 6 Veteran Service Organizations
 - African American PTSD Association
 - American Legion
 - AMVETS
 - National Association for Black Veterans Inc
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Vietnam Veterans America.
- 20 County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) agreements with 26 (out of 39) counties being served
- WDVA has MOAs with the 7 out of the 29 federally recognized Indian tribes to provide VSO training and accreditation to their Tribal VSOs

Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program

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



VETERANS SERVICES CONTINUED

Veterans Innovations Program (VIP)

Assists Post 9/11 veterans facing financial hardships.

Transitioning Warrior Program (JBLM)

Provides information about all available benefits to separating personnel from Joint Base Lewis McChord

Statewide Apprenticeship Coordinator

Assists veterans in connecting with apprenticeships. Veterans gain marketable skills, make a livable wage, and can use Veterans Education Benefits as part of their apprenticeship.

Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)

VEMP offers protective payee services for veterans and family members who are incapable of managing their own financial affairs.

WA State Military Transition and Readiness Council

A partnership that supports military service members and families to successfully transition into civilian careers.



VETERANS SERVICES CONTINUED

Veteran Owned Business Certification Program

Certifies Veteran and Service Member Owned Businesses so that public entities can identify them and do business with them.

LGBTQ+ Veterans Outreach Coordinator

Connects LGBTQ+ veterans to benefits and assists with the upgrade of discharge status.

Military Spouse Outreach Initiative

Shares resources with military spouses, convenes workgroups on important issues such as employment and childcare, and advocates for military spouses.



Other WDVA Programs, Call Centers, and Service Hubs

- Olympia Service Center: 1-800-562-2308
- King County Office
- BLDG 10 at Port Orchard
- Spokane Regional Veterans Service Center
- VA Regional Office in Seattle



COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

WDVA COUNSELING PROGRAM

Contracted Licensed Mental Health Providers serve veterans and families experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress, Military Sexual Trauma, or other military related issues.

Veterans Training Support Center

No-cost training provided each month on a variety of topics. Sign up at www.dva.wa.gov

Traumatic Brain Injury Program

Supports and represents every veteran in WA that has incurred a Brain Injury.

VET CORPS

Through training and peer-to-peer support, Vet Corps Member's support student veterans, veterans in the community, and military families by building on shared experiences and creating supportive relationships.

Veterans Conservation Corps

Provides opportunities for veterans to connect with nature in their own way while restoring and cultivating Washington's natural resources.

Veterans Farm at Orting

Offers a place where veterans can lease fertile farmland, attend classes, volunteer and generally support a growing community.

Tobacco Cessation Program

Helps connect veterans and military families to resources that help decrease tobacco dependence, increase cessation efforts, and support for staying stopped.



SUICIDE PREVENTION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

Includes the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Servicemembers, Veterans and Families (SMVF)

WDVA COUNSELING PROGRAM

- Community-Based Services Grant
- Veteran & Military Member Suicide Prevention Account
- Military & Veteran Resource Database & Web Application
- Educational Materials for Providers
- Suicide-Safer Homes Taskforce
- Prevent Veteran Suicide Emblem

SUICIDE PREVENTION PEER TEAM

Regionally located to provide:

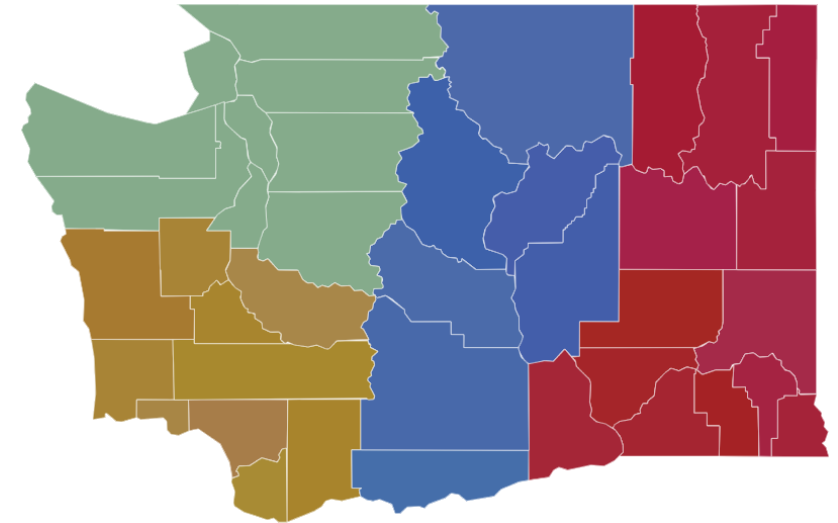
- Community workshops
- Collaboration with regional agencies & organizations serving Veterans
- Resource referral

For Non-Emergency Questions/Requests for Assistant Email: Connect@DVA.wa.gov

Also see <https://dva.wa.gov/SP> for more information!



[New Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem](#)



OTHER STATE BENEFITS

- **Reduced Fishing/Hunting License (DV 30%+)**
- **State Park Passes (DV 30%+)**
- **Federal Park Passes (all veterans)**
- **Reduced Public Transportation Fees (DV 40%+)**
- **Reduced Tuition at Public Colleges and Universities**
- **Free License Plates for 100% disabled veterans and Gold Star spouses and parents.**
- **Reduced Property Taxes (DV 80%+), contact the county assessor for more information**
- **Recording of Discharges**
 - **DD 214 Database**
 - **Governors Welcome Home Letters**
- **County Veterans Assistance Funds**



2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Governor's Budget Includes:

- **Nursing Assistant-Certified (NAC) Academy and LPN Apprenticeship Program**
- **Recruitment and Retention Incentive Funding**
- **Computer Leasing**
- **One Washington Staffing Support**
- **Adjustments in Homes Budget Related to Revenue**

- *Interested in receiving weekly Legislative email updates on Veterans Legislation? Visit our website www.dva.wa.gov to sign up (click the envelope icon at the top of the page).*



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