

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 & Wellness Programs
- Transition, Readiness & Family Services



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 - 82 Beds**
 - **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

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 of Black Veterans Inc
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Vietnam Veterans America.
- 23 County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) agreements with 26 (out of 39) counties being served
- 6 counties receive GF-S funding through the state Rural County VSO Program: Clallam, Island, Stevens, Walla Walla, Asotin & Skamania
- 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 SERVICE PROGRAMS

Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)

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

LGBTQ+ Veterans Outreach Coordinator

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

Transitioning Warrior Program (TWP)

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

Other WDVA Programs, Call Centers, and Service Hubs

- Olympia Service Center: 1-800-562-2308
- Veterans Benefits Enhancement Program
- King County Office
- VA Claims Quality Assurance Program, VARO



COUNSELING AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

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 (VTSC)

No-cost training provided each month on a variety of topics, thanks to a grant from King County Veterans Services. Sign up at www.dva.wa.gov

Brain Injury & Recovery Program

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

Suicide Prevention and Support Program

Includes the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Servicemembers and Families, and recent measures passed by the State Legislature. See **next slide**



SUICIDE PREVENTION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

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

WA State Legislation

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

Suicide Prevention Peer Team

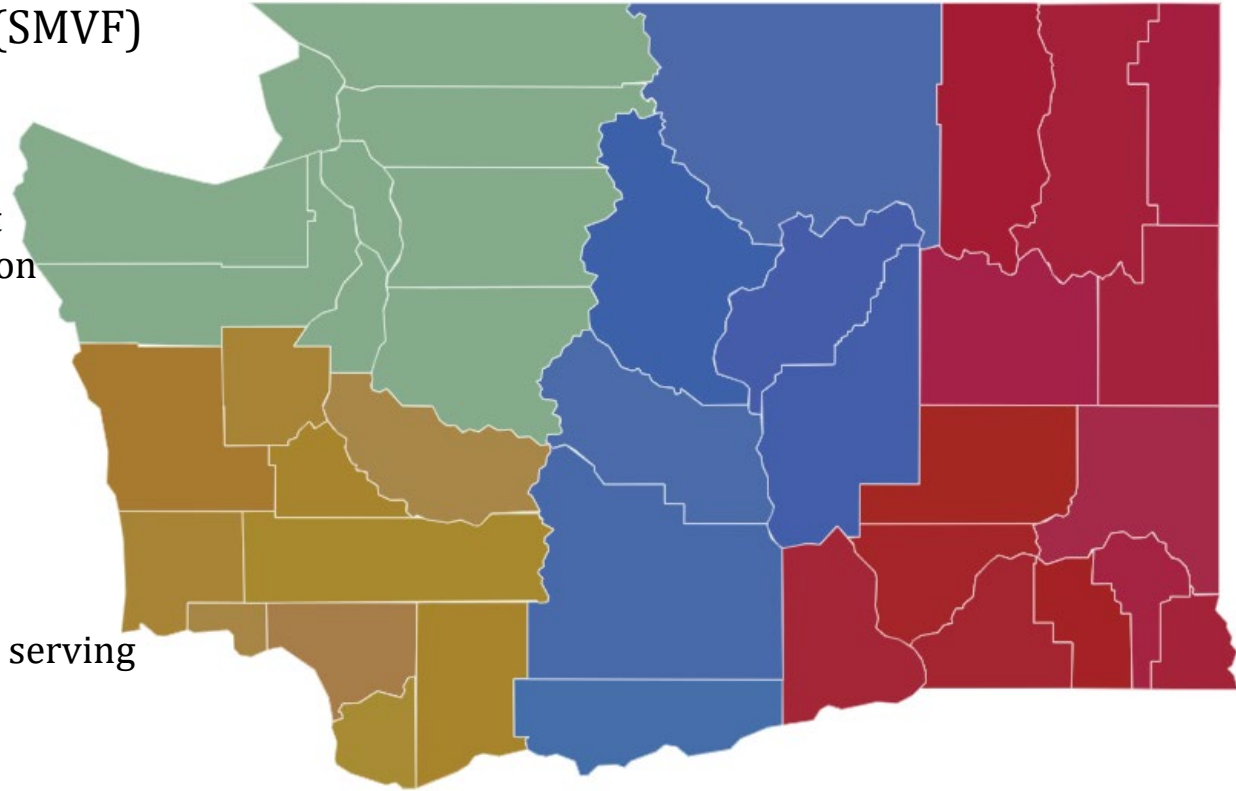
Regionally located to provide:

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

For Non-Emergency Questions / Requests for Assistance

Email: connect@dva.wa.gov

See: <https://www.dva.wa.gov/sp>



[New Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem](#)



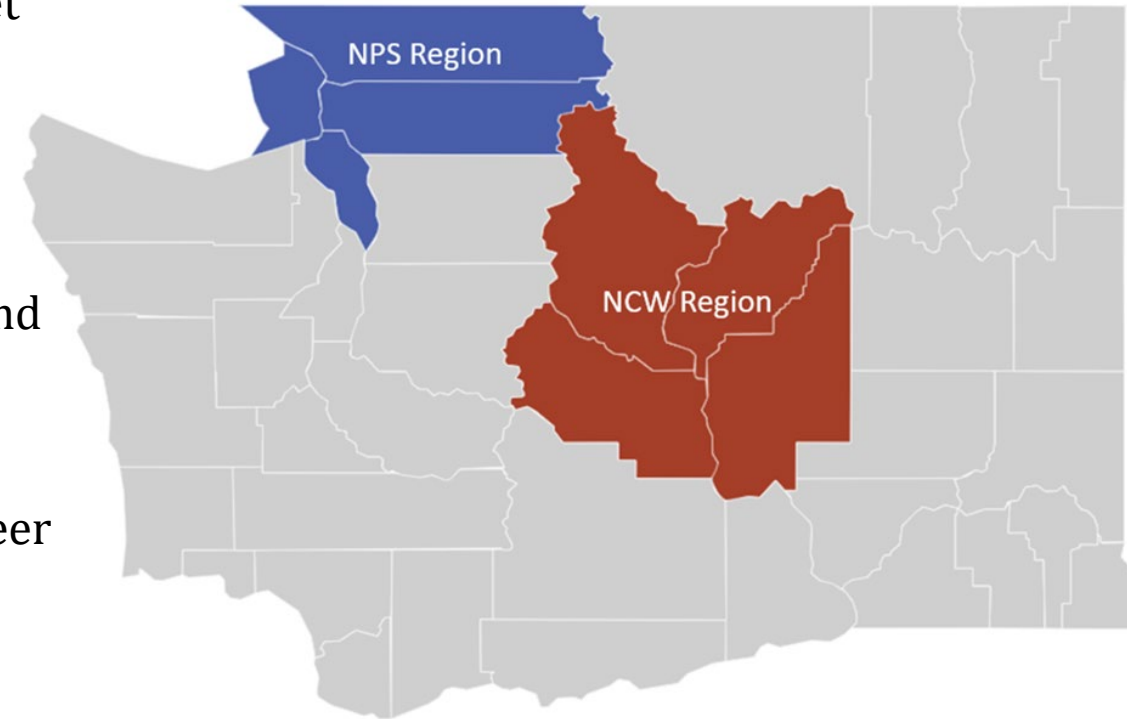
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SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT

Enables the WDVA to provide resources toward community-based suicide prevention efforts to meet the needs of eligible Veterans and their Families through outreach, peer support, suicide prevention services, and connection to VA and community resources.

The program seeks to aid Service Members, Veterans and their Families through:

- Upstream suicide prevention intervention
- Outreach and education on suicide prevention, peer support, and wrap-around services available throughout the state
- Peer Support Case Management
- The Equipment & Services fund for alternative behavioral health services
- Referrals and warm handoffs to resources



Areas selected based on low
VA Health Care Enrollment
percentages



COUNSELING AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

CONTINUED

Vet Corps (VC)

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 Peer Corps (VPC)

Provides training to community members interested in serving as Peer Mentors.

Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC)

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.

Veteran Commercial Tobacco Cessation Program (VCTCP)

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



TRANSITION, READINESS AND FAMILY SERVICES

WA State Military Transition and Readiness Council (WSMTRC)

Partnership that supports service members and families to successfully transition into civilian careers.

Military Spouse Initiatives

Policy and program advocacy for military spouses (employment, credential portability, childcare, etc.). Convenes cross-sector workgroups. Shares resources and provides individual consultation.

Apprenticeship Program

Assists veterans connect with registered apprenticeships and other career connected learning. Convenes cross-sector apprenticeship workgroup.

Veteran Owned Business (VOB) Program

Recruits and enrolls Veteran and Service Members in VOB Certification and Linked Deposit Programs. Convenes cross-sector entrepreneur business development workgroup.



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**



Connect to *Your* WDVA!

1-800-562-2308

www.dva.wa.gov

Veterans Homes Information

1-877-VETS-R-US

1-877-838-7787

Cemetery

Rudy Lopez - 509-299-6280

Veteran Services

Steven J. Gill - 360-789-5886

Rafael A. Lozano - 360-725-2219

Counseling and Wellness Programs

Keith Meyer- (360) 789-9304

Transition, Readiness and Family Services

Mark Sullivan - (360) 918-1128

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