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WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Director



A Message from the Director WDVA Updates on Vaccines

By WDVA Director, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos

Happy New Year! *Your* WDVA started the new year off with COVID-19 vaccine clinics at all four of our State Veterans Homes. Because our Homes residents and staff were in priority group 1A, our Veterans, spouses, widows and staff were able to quickly start the vaccination process through Operation Warp Speed. Our first round is complete and they will receive their second vaccine shots in late January.

It's exciting that we're talking about vaccinations taking place in our Homes, and I'm also happy to hear that the COVID-19 vaccine is also now available to everyone in Washington State over the age of 65 and people 50 years and older in multi-generational households. This second group eligible for the vaccine focuses on protecting those that are most likely to be hospitalized who are experiencing high rates of morbidity. Vaccination plans are dependent on vaccine availability. While we are forging ahead, we are still not getting the stock we need to vaccinate 45,000 Washingtonians a day, which is Governor Inslee's goal.

Our Homes continue their daily battle with COVID-19 and our staff are doing incredible work trying to keep this sneaky enemy at bay. Residents and staff have endured round after round of COVID-19 testing. At Spokane and Walla Walla, staff are tested twice each week and at Port Orchard and Orting, staff are tested once each week, based on the positivity rates in the County. Residents are tested each time there is possible exposure or if they have COVID-19 symptoms. Our Soldiers Home at Orting has been battling an outbreak since mid-December and sadly eight of our residents have graduated to the Post Everlasting. Our thoughts are with their families at this challenging time. We are all

hopeful that we are through the worst of it and that the vaccine will soon provide protection for our residents, staff and their families.



Whether we have received a vaccine or not, rest assured that we will continue wearing appropriate PPE, sanitizing high-touch areas, washing our hands frequently, and practicing social distancing. These are all little things all add up to one big thing – stopping the spread. 75-80% of our state residents need to be vaccinated to have true collective immunity. The COVID-19 vaccine is the light at the end of the tunnel; but we are not out of the woods yet.

The constant drumbeat of COVID-19 is certainly something that can wear us down, both physically and emotionally. I encourage you to utilize the many resources out there to support veterans and their families during this time, you can find them at: [Coronavirus - Mental Health \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-mental-health/). WDVA also has resources that can help through our [Counseling and Wellness Program](#), such as access to Counselors and programs such as the [Veteran Peer Corps](#).

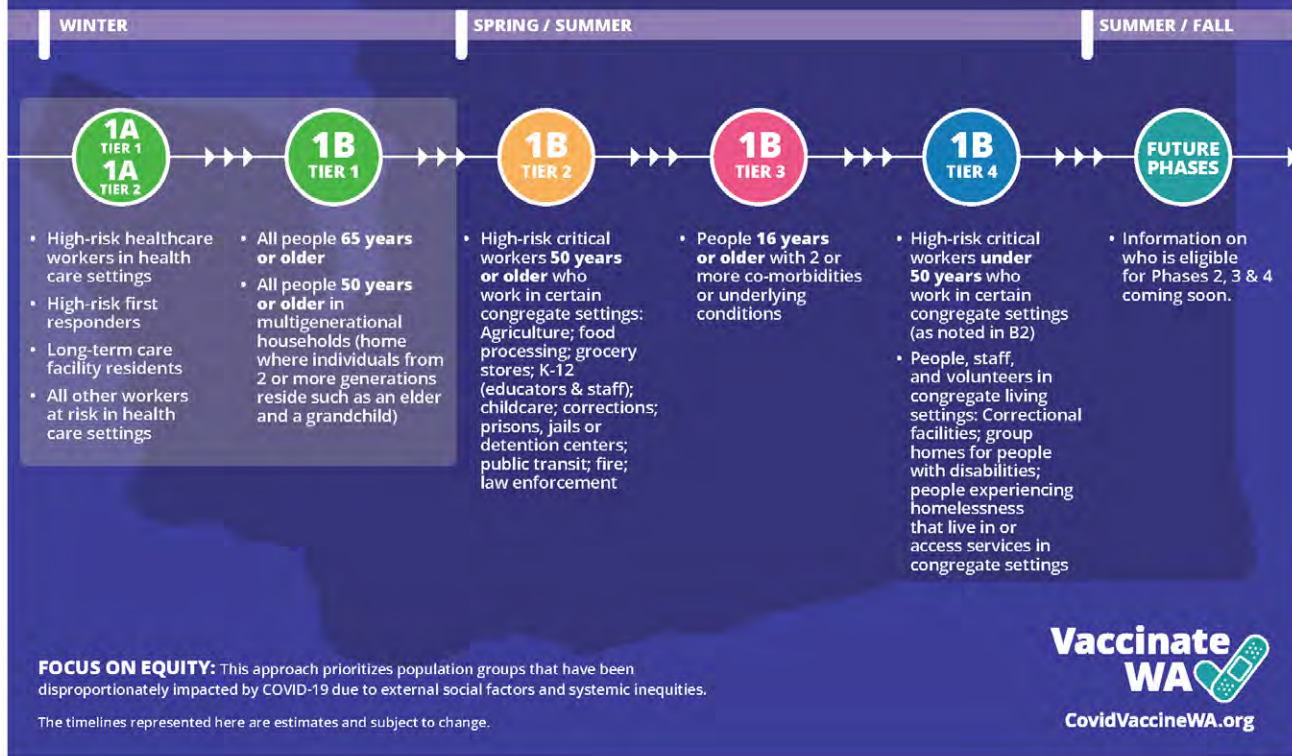
Please be sure to take care of yourself and your family, as well as your brothers and sisters! I'm looking forward to a brighter 2021 and continuing our work together to Serve Those Who Served!

**Yours in service,
Alfie**

WASHINGTON'S COVID-19 VACCINE PHASES

Phase 1 Estimated Start Dates (Tiers A and B)

Find out if it's your turn at [FindYourPhaseWA.org](https://www.findyourphasewa.org)



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CO-MORBIDITIES

Morbidity is a medical term that means illness or disease. Co-morbidities means more than one illness or disease occurring in one person at the same time. Phase 1 – Tier 3 includes people with 2 more comorbidities or underlying conditions that put them at increased risk for severe illness if infected with COVID. This list of these conditions can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

CONGREGATE SETTING

An environment where individuals work and/or reside in an enclosed space and where they are interacting with a high volume of people over an extended period of time and not able to consistently maintain physical distance.

CRITICAL WORKERS

Individuals working in an industry that maintains critical infrastructure for social and economic systems in our state. (See reverse side for detailed list.)

HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING

Workers who are at higher risk of COVID-19 infection because they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Administer COVID-19 testing or handle COVID-19 specimens
- Administer COVID-19 vaccine or have patient contact in a COVID-19 vaccination site.
- Work at a community-based, congregate living facility (for example, long-term care facility, adult family home or residential care community) where people over 65 years old receive care, supervision or assistance.
- A professional care provider to someone who is at higher risk of severe outcomes if infected with COVID-19 (for example, home health aide, dialysis provider, or cancer treatment provider).

HIGH-RISK WORKERS IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING (CON'T)

- Worker (for example, healthcare provider, security, environmental management) in a setting that provides direct care for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- First responder (for example, EMS, police or firefighter) in settings where direct care is provided to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- Worker at high risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19 because of exposure to the general public.

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY

For the purposes of the vaccine allocation guidance, long-term care facilities are defined as community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance and are unable to reside independently in the community.

MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD

Household where individuals from 2 or more generations reside such as an elder and a grandchild. Does **not** include a parent or guardian caring for a child or teen.

WORKERS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Includes the full spectrum of workers at health agencies including all types of staff (e.g., contracted, part-time, unpaid/volunteer) and the spectrum of staff who provide services (e.g., ambulatory, direct patient care, support services).

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COVID Vaccine

FOR VETERANS ENROLLED IN VA HEALTH CARE, the VA is now offering vaccines to these 2 groups:

- Veterans living in our long-term care facilities, **and**
- VA health care personnel. Vaccinating VA health care personnel helps the VA continue providing care for Veterans.

After these first 2 groups, the VA will begin to offer vaccines to more Veterans who are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

If you're eligible to get a vaccine, your VA health care team will contact you. You don't need to reserve a vaccine, or come to a VA facility to request or receive a vaccine until we contact you. Our staff will only provide vaccines to Veterans who are currently eligible for one based on VA and CDC risk criteria. When more vaccines become available, the VA plans to offer a free COVID-19 vaccine to all Veterans receiving VA health care who want one.

Your team will contact you when a vaccine is available to you. If you decide to get the vaccine, your team will help you schedule your appointments. **If you're not currently receiving health care through VA, you can [apply now](#).**

FOR ALL WASHINGTONIANS:

For veterans not eligible for DOD or VA Vaccines, you can visit the My Phase Finder at the WA State Department of Health to learn when and where you can get a COVID-19 vaccine. **WA State is currently in Phase 1b-Tier 1 of Vaccine Distribution.** This means the vaccine is available to anyone over age 65, and all people over 50 who also live in a multigenerational

household. This is in addition to populations eligible during phase 1A including health care workers at high risk for COVID-19 infection, first responders, people who live or work in long-term care facilities, and all other workers in health settings who are at risk of COVID-19.

[Learn more about who gets the vaccine and when.](#)

[Vaccine Phase Finder](#) [Vaccine Locations](#)

FOR MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR FAMILIES:

The Department of Defense (DoD), in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, has launched a program to provide COVID-19 vaccines. The first supply of the vaccine is limited. The first vaccines will be given in phases. The first phases will be for:

- Individuals providing direct medical care
- Individuals maintaining essential installation functions
- Deploying forces
- Individuals at the highest risk for developing severe illness from COVID-19
- Adults age 75 and older

Vaccines will be offered to other TRICARE beneficiaries as more vaccines are available and after priority individuals have been vaccinated. Learn more about the first phases of [DoD COVID-19 vaccine distribution](#).

WHY SHOULD I GET THE VACCINE?

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), a COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool in stopping the pandemic. It may be an effective way to lower your risk of contracting COVID-19. And it may help keep you from getting seriously ill if you do catch the virus. Getting vaccinated also protects the health of the people around you—especially those who are at [increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19](#).

More on how the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs Can Serve YOU:



As we enter into the new year, it is important to remind those we serve of the many programs available for veterans and their families. Your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs stands ready to connect veterans and their families to the benefits earned through their military service. However, we still need your assistance in reaching out to the community and helping us connect with veterans that may not be aware of the many services available.

Here are just a few of the ways we can serve you:

- Our benefits specialists can help prepare claims to the Federal VA for disability compensation or pension.
- Five counseling and wellness programs provide support through mental health counseling, traumatic brain injury services, veterans conservation corps activities, internships, and a Veterans Peer Corps.
- Our transitional housing program serves Veterans Experiencing Homelessness with supportive housing, helping them move back into their communities.
- Four State Veterans Homes serve the long-term or rehabilitative care needs of veterans and their widows. Homes are located in Orting, Port Orchard, Spokane and Walla Walla.
- The State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake honors veterans and eligible family members in their final resting place.

Learn more on how Your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs can serve YOU and your family by visiting: www.dva.wa.gov

2020 Accomplishments, 2021 Fast Facts Sheet & Find A Counselor List

Washington State by the Numbers

544,533 - Veterans 62,130 - Active Duty 18,016 - Guard & Reserve 2,000,000 - Family Members
149,562 - Disabled Vets receiving comp & pension 1,607 - Vets without Homes 233 - Veteran Suicides (2018)

2020 Accomplishments



Quality Health Services

- **91%** Census in State Veterans Homes Program, a challenge with COVID-19.
- All homes have had Infection Control surveys with only one deficiency found. (Dec. 2020)
- **5,211** virtual, window, and outdoor booth visits, **3,520** telehealth appointments during Pandemic.
- **79%** Resident satisfaction on resident surveys.
- Governor's Challenge on Suicide Prevention – Statewide Plan released Dec. 2020. **66** multiagency advisory committee members participated.
- **40** Mental Health counselors provided **16,287** telehealth and face to face counseling hours to **1,261** veterans and **175** family members.
- **74** workshops and **1,894** participants trained through the Veteran Training Support Center funded by King County and WDVA.
- **48** TBI trainings to **1375** individuals, **49** veterans and **9** family members have received 1:1 support.
- Max Impact TBI app, provided **855** referrals, **1,029** contacts to WDVA, and over **2,756** sessions.
- Veterans Peer Corps held **9** events training **119** mentors and recorded **14** WDVA Podcasts with **446** downloads providing virtual training.
- **40** Vet Corps members assisted **119** veterans and provided **63,640** hours of service.
- Veterans Conservation Corps provided **20** internships. **8** found employment as a result, **26** were connected with veterans services.
- **\$693,000** Veterans in Agriculture grant from Fed VA for WDVA Farms Program: supported **5** incubator farms, **96** enrolled in ag/small business training, and connected veterans to mental health services.
- Utilized electronic medical record for medication management and pharmacy clinical care services.



Engaged and Satisfied Veterans, Families & Communities

- Convened **6** strategy sessions on spouse employment and credentialing with **80** partners.
- Endorsed **2** new strategy workgroups on military childcare, and military marketing and outreach.
- Convened **22** community sessions on employment, apprenticeship, education, & apprenticeship.
- VAAC and WVAC convened **6** community webinars.
- Nearly **5,500** Veterans hired and **1,140** participating employers since YesVets began in 2016.
- **13,053** Olympia Service Center visits and calls.
- New website launched with accessibility and 508 compliance for screen readers / assistive devices.
- **54,903** direct social media engagements.
- **88%** of survey respondents agree that WDVA services are provided correctly the first time.



Responsive Veteran Programs

- **10,407** claims filed connecting veterans/families to VA compensation or pension, **\$2.5 billion** received by veterans/families invested in local economies.
- **19** Counties/Tribes have a County/Tribal service officer trained by WDVA. **3** Counties have a State Funded County VSO (HB 1448). WDVA trains/accredits service officers to file Fed VA claims.
- Increase from **60** to **130** beds in the WDVA Transitional Housing Program allowing veterans without homes to overcome barriers and achieve residential stability and job placements.
- Financial assistance programs prevented homelessness for **319** veterans.
- **335** veterans served in Veterans Estate Management Program.
- Veteran Innovations Program helped **62** veterans with prevention of eviction or foreclosure, **59** with utilities need, and **11** with transportation needs.
- Certified **136** additional Veteran Owned Businesses, for a total of **1,701**.
- State Veterans Cemetery provided **560** interments, including **68** unclaimed veterans remains and utilized **\$572,480** from license plate sales for Cemetery Operations.



Capable and Effective Operations

- Agency EOC managed COVID-19 response.
- **1.8 million** pieces of protective PPE acquired.
- **\$3.9M** received from CARES Act and **\$2.4M** from FEMA to combat COVID-19.
- Implemented **24/7** IT support for Veterans Homes.
- To support telework during COVID-19 response: Setup **58** new VPN accounts; Issued **8** new tablets; Repurposed **36** computing devices.
- Resolved **201** COVID related IT work orders during COVID-19 response.
- Completed **30** Compliance audits to minimize risk of findings from CMS, DSHS, the USDVA.
- **211** new hires, challenges with NAC shortage
- Continued partnership with WFSE extending pilot offering schedule rotations with some weekends off.
- **71** employees used L&I Return to Work Program



Employer of Choice

- **69%** of WDVA Employees completed employee engagement survey during Pandemic.
- **42** COVID-19 and **3** Budget emails to all-staff, monthly town-halls.
- HIPAA and COVID-19 Training for WDVA Staff.
- State employees used **850** hours of leave with Veterans in State Service Shared Leave Program.

CLICK FOR MORE:

[WDVA Accomplishments 2020](#)

[WDVA Fast Facts](#)

[Find a Counselor](#)

REGISTER NOW: Field Restoration Crew Internship - Veterans Conservation Corps

Learn more about numerous other available Veterans Conservation Corps by contacting Kim Pham at Kim@dva.wa.gov

MCD

Mason Conservation District

Field Restoration Crew Internship



As part of the Mason Conservation District Field Restoration Crew, engage in meaningful training and field experience related to habitat restoration!

Who: VCC Internship with Mason Conservation District
Field Restoration Crew in Shelton, WA

What: Planting, maintenance of planting sites using power tools, and treatment of invasive plants with the use of herbicides

When: Year-round!

For more information:
www.dva.wa.gov/benefits/internships



Highlighting WDVA Programs:

VETERANS CONSERVATION CORPS



The Veterans Conservation Corps Program provides meaningful training and volunteer opportunities for veterans.

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

VCC was founded in 2005, in the memory of [John Beal](#), a Vietnam era veterans that found healing and purpose through the restoration of Hamm creek and the Duwamish River. The VCC, through restoration, training, and agriculture, seeks to support Washington State veterans in their own connections to healing and purpose.

Opportunities through the VCC include:

- Volunteering
- [Internships](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [Training](#)

[Veterans Farm at Orting](#)

The Veterans Farm will focus on teaching veterans interested in agricultural industries how to thrive. There will be several plots available for veterans transitions to explore farming as a future.

[Agri-preneur Business Planning Program](#)

This is a high-quality, research-based approach to business planning for food- and farm-based entrepreneurs in the South Puget Sound. Whether you are just starting your business or have been in business for a while, this Program will help you learn how to reach your financial goals for the future by using sound business planning concepts and tools tailored specifically to small farm and food-based entrepreneurs.

- You will learn vital skills for running a successful small farm or food-processing business with:
 - A comprehensive business planning process
 - Excellent instructors and quality materials
 - Technical assistance, and peer support
 - Access to credit for your small enterprise
 - Guest speakers will include local buyers (restaurants and stores), Washington State Department of Agriculture, and successful business owners.



Learn more about the Veterans Conservation Corps Program by visiting:
[Veterans Conservation Corps Program | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

Testimonial from a Veterans Conservation Corp Intern

"During my initial days at the farm, I was introduced to a myriad of tasks, from tractor work, mulching, tractor repair and maintenance, weeding, "unplugging", containerizing seed, and transplanting. I was elated to be so quickly entrusted to operate the tractor in a variety of scenarios, though I was hypercritical of my wonky lines in the garden beds (pictured below).

Through journaling, I noticed this self-criticism was a trend in each activity I participated in, and as I became aware of this, I was able to pinpoint the source of the criticism. In my previous tasks as an aircraft maintainer, attention to detail, precision, accuracy, and quality were of the utmost importance in conducting maintenance on the flight line. As I transition into a new field, my expectations for myself as an intern and/or employee may remain to provide quality results, but dirt and garden beds are less sensitive to precision than a nut and bolt holding a fuel line in place. And I could see that I needed to adjust my thinking and accept that the work I completed would look a lot different than something I'd submit in the military.

With this realization, my strides through the field became lighter, and I could take pleasure in the nuances of farm work. Over time, my criticism in my work shifted into pride and the days were highlighted with satisfaction and not scrutiny over a mistake. On the farm, our production and attitudes were celebrated, which is unlike the managerial style presented in the Air Force's maintenance field. One morning, Anika, Emily and I needed to pass some time before we could start work in one of the fields, and the two veterans of Violet Prairie decided to take me on a walk to show me one of the far fields that still had flowers." - Tillie

Read more of this testimonial:

[Veterans Conservation Corps Testimonial | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

Learn more about available Veterans Conservation Corps Program Internships:

[Internships | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)



Eligibility for Pre-Need Burial Determination



Many people would like to know, in advance, whether they are eligible for burial in a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery or State Veterans Cemetery. To assist them, VA and WDVA provide preneed eligibility determinations for burial in a National or the State Veterans Cemetery prior to the time of need to assist Veterans and their families with end-of-life planning.

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Planning in advance for a Veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays, particularly if they do not have discharge documents, and reduces stress on a family at an extremely difficult time. Veteran families will have increased confidence and peace of mind that their loved ones are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery at their time of need. Having an eligibility determination in advance will help Veterans use the benefits they have earned for themselves and for families. Once eligibility is determined, Veterans and eligible

family members will be entitled to some or all of the following at minimal or no cost:

- Burial in any open VA National Cemetery or the State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake, including opening and closing of the grave
- Grave liner (casket burials)
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- Government-furnished upright headstone, flat marker or niche cover (cemetery procures)
- Burial flag – provided by the funeral home or available via US Post Offices with a VA Form 27-2008
 - *We recommend calling the local Post Office to verify flag availability
- Presidential Memorial Certificate(s), VA Form 40-0247

*Please note there is a \$300 interment fee for family members interred at the State Veterans Cemetery.

Eligibility

The law provides eligibility for burial in a national cemetery or the State Veterans Cemetery, Medical lake to:

- Members of the armed forces;
- Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements as applicable by law and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Members of the reserve components of the armed forces are also eligible, provided they:

- Died while on active duty under certain circumstances, or while on training duty;
- Have 20 years of service creditable for retired pay; or
- Were called to active duty and served the full term of service.

The Veterans' spouse, minor children and under certain conditions dependent unmarried adult children are eligible for burial even if they predecease the eligible Veteran. *Couples are placed together in the same ground plot or niche.

Applying for Benefits

Veterans and their spouses are encouraged to apply for a pre-need burial eligibility determination. Authorized representatives may also apply on behalf of eligible claimants.

To apply, submit:

[Eligibility for Pre-need Burial Determination | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

WDVA Military & Veteran Community Resources & WDVA's Podcast

No one said Staying Home and Staying Healthy would be easy!

Your WDVA has put together some resources to help you and your family cope with the incredibly unexpected changes that we're all experiencing. I hope you'll find some time to explore these and take advantage of the amazing work the Counseling & Wellness Team has done. If you have any resources that aren't listed, please let us know and if you are interested in being a guest to discuss your WDVA program or another veteran resource, let us know and we will add you to the schedule.

[Resources List - Military and Veteran Community Resources in Response to COVID-19](#)

This guide lists resources specific to our Military and Veteran community that may help us to

get through the COVID-19 crisis. This may be helpful not only to you and your family, but may also provide resources to help you better serve veterans in the Veterans Homes and Programs.

Subscribe to the [WDVA Podcast!](#) Now Available on Apple iTunes



WDVA Podcast - Forefront Brett Bass & WDVA Suicide Prevention Coordinator Codie Garza

The latest episode of the WDVA's Podcast brings in Suicide Prevention Coordinator Codie Garza, along with Forefront's Brett Bass to discuss what WA is doing to reduce suicide.

<https://wdva.podbean.com/.../suicide-prevention-with.../>

Questions for the show? Contact Bryan @ vpc@dva.wa.gov

Veterans License Plates



HOW ARMED FORCES LICENSE PLATE FUNDS ARE USED

Proceeds from the sale of Armed Forces License Plates support ongoing maintenance of the State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake.

\$28 from the purchase and renewal of each plate is directed to the Veterans Stewardship Account and is tax deductible. The Veterans Stewardship Account is used for activities that benefit veterans, such as maintaining the state veteran's cemetery in eastern Washington and providing programs and services for veterans without homes.

Veterans, active duty, guard, reserve and their family members are eligible to purchase plates at any vehicle licensing office.

Find out more at: www.dva.wa.gov or call 800-562-2308



To learn more visit:
www.dva.wa.gov/program/license-plates

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FREE DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE

Available to veterans who:

- (a) Have lost the use of both hands or one foot;
- (b) Have become blind in both eyes as the result of military service; or
- (c) Are rated by the veterans administration or the military service from which the veteran was discharged and receiving service-connected compensation at the one hundred percent rate that is expected to exist for more than one year.

Application: www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420500.pdf

VETERAN/MILITARY SERVICE AWARD EMBLEMS

Available to the legal or registered owner of the vehicle.

Take your application, proof of eligibility (such as DD214) and fee to a vehicle licensing office:

- Veteran/Military Service Award Emblem Application
www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420075.pdf
- \$15 cash or a check/money order payable to Department of Licensing

OTHER SPECIAL MILITARY PLATES

- PURPLE HEART
- FORMER POW
- MEDAL OF HONOR
- PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR
- MILITARY AFFILIATE RADIO SYSTEM

GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES

Gold Star Parents, Spouses, Children, and Siblings may qualify for a Gold Star License Plate under RCW 46.18.245. These plates honor families of military men and women who lost their lives in service to our Country.

To qualify for Gold Star license plates, you must be certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as being one of the following to a United States Armed Forces member who died while in the service, or as a result of their service:

- Widow or widower (if the servicemember died as a result of their service)
- Birth mother or birth father
- Stepmother or stepfather
- Mother or father through adoption
- Adult who fulfilled the parental role, such as foster parent, kinship care provider, or caretaker relative.
- Biological child
- Adopted child
- Sibling

FEES

Widows(ers) do not pay any registration or plate fees for one Gold Star License Plate or regular license plate.

For all other individuals eligible for Gold Star License Plates, there is no additional fee for the Gold Star background design, but you must still pay all required vehicle registration and tab renewal fees.

Application: www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420500.pdf

ARMED FORCES PLATES

MILITARY, VETERANS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS!

The Washington Department of Licensing issues license plates to eligible veterans/military/family members with six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and WA National Guard.

Visit <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/spmilitary.html> for information on initial and renewal plate fees. \$28 from the purchase and renewal of each plate is used to operate the State Veterans Cemetery and serve veterans without homes.

You are eligible to purchase a plate at any Vehicle Licensing Office if you:

- Served at any time in the U.S. Military
- Are currently on active duty
- Served in the Guard or Reserves
- Currently in the Guard or Reserves
- Are a Family Member of those listed above.

Application: www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420500.pdf



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Now Hiring at Four Veterans Homes Across the State

Are you a CNA, RN or LPN looking for a career that allows you to give back to your community and provide compassionate care to Veterans?

Contact Recruiters@dva.wa.gov for more information or visit: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/?keywords=wdva



More Info: Please visit [Employment](#) to see the opportunities that we have!
You can also contact a recruiter at Recruiters@dva.wa.gov

YesVets Employer Survey

As a **YesVets** employer, we would like to introduce the Veterans Training Support Center (VTSC). Part of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, VTSC is a resource for professional development and training opportunities around veterans and their families. ***Could your business benefit from training topics in regards to service members transitioning, Veterans and their families?***

We invite you to participate in the brief survey below regarding any training needs you may have around veterans in your workforce. *There is no cost to your business or your employees for these training opportunities.*

VTSC is funded through the King County Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy, and Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs - *Our trainings are available to anyone in Washington State and are free.* Additionally, VTSC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education (CEUs) for psychologists and other licensed professional occupations.

"Advancing Understanding of Veterans and Their Family Members"

The Veterans Training Support Center, a program found within the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs Counseling & Wellness Programs, is dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of specific topics that disproportionately impact veterans. We encourage all employers and organization leaders, whether in public, private, or higher education settings, to establish promising best practices that will empower veterans in their pursuit of personal, academic, and meaningful work-career goals.

Our mission is to ensure we best equip those who are committed to Serving Those Who Served, with the latest knowledge and resources. We invite you to participate in the brief survey regarding any future training needs you may have around veterans in your workforce.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your survey response!

Survey Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/P53NL93

After you've notified us that you've hired a veteran, we will contact you to arrange delivery of your YesVets decals, to be prominently and proudly displayed at your place of business.

Thank you for your support of those who served!

Visit www.YesVets.org for more information and to signup!

Every veteran makes a difference!

SINCE 2016
**OVER 5,500
VETERANS HIRED**

Let your customers know that
you support hiring veterans.



Upcoming Events

View our WDVA Calendar to stay updated with upcoming events to attend

WDVA 2021 EVENTS

[TO VIEW OUR WDVA CALENDAR, CLICK HERE](#)

WDVA Web Calendar: www.dva.wa.gov/calendar

WDVA Facebook Calendar: www.facebook.com/WSDVA/Events

Please take a few moments and provide us with feedback to make us better in 2021 at Serving Those Who Served.

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

To complete the survey, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDVA2021



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