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NOVEMBER 2022



### A Message from the Director

## WDVA Celebrates New NAC Training Program Graduates

We are so excited to share news about the new NAC (Nursing Assistant Certified) Training Programs that are becoming available across the WDVA!

WDVA took the question of *What do we do when we don't have enough NAC applicants to fill vacancies?* and found a solution: **train our own!** This new and creative approach to NAC recruitment means we'll have new NACs who are trained from the very beginning in the WDVA Way. The training is at no cost to the new NAC, and they are hired by WDVA as a NAR (Nursing Assistant Registered) where they spend time learning the basics while working on the floor with experienced WDVA NACs! We are already seeing the result with a newly trained team of NACs who are ready to pitch in and serve alongside our other WDVA staff members!

## WDVA Hot Jobs - Incentives Available

**WE'RE HIRING**

RNs | Drivers  
LPNs | Chefs  
CNAs | & More

Make an impact and join a career in Serving Those Who Served!

**APPLY NOW!**  
Recruiters@DVA.WA.GOV

### Available Opportunities:

- [WDVA Recreation & Athletic Specialist 2, On-Call, Walla Walla Veterans Home](#)
- [WDVA Veterans Benefit Specialist 2, Seattle](#)
- [WDVA Nursing Assistant Certified \(CNA\), Walla Walla Veterans Home](#)
- [WDVA Nursing Assistant Certified \(CNA\), Multiple Positions, Port Orchard](#)
- [WDVA Nursing Assistant Certified \(CNA\), Multiple Positions, Spokane](#)
- [WDVA Administrator, WA Soldiers Home](#)
- [WDVA Nursing Assistant Certified \(CNA\), Orting](#)

### ALL WDVA JOBS:

[State of Washington Job Opportunities |](#)

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## Veterans Day 2022 Content to Share

### Veterans Day 2022 Events & Observances, Proclamation and Videos to Share on Veterans Day

- [Veterans Day Events & Observances - 2022 | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#) – Learn more and get involved with events taking place during the week of Veterans Day
- [PROCLAMATION - Veterans Day 2022 | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#) (Attached Below) – Washington State 2022 Veterans Day Governors Proclamation
- [\(2\) Happy Veterans Day from Your WDVA Director and Deputy Director - YouTube](#) – Video greeting for Veterans Day from Washington Department of Veterans Affairs Director and Deputy Director
- [What Does It Mean to Be a Veteran – Collection of Veterans Telling Their “Why” – Veterans Day 2022](#) - Compilation video of veterans in Washington State explaining what it means to be a veteran
- [Women Veterans Advisory Committee Veterans Day Greeting](#) – Washington State’s Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC) shares how the WVAC helps to inform women veterans about their benefits
- [\(2\) WDVA Program Spotlights - YouTube](#) – Video Compilation - Learn more about the many available programs available for veterans and their families from your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs
- [WDVA Brochures and Newsletters](#) – Download WDVA Program Brochures and view our Veteran Voices Newsletter
- [History of Veterans Day - Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs \(va.gov\)](#) – Learn more about the history of Veterans Day
- [Official 2022 Veterans Day Poster from the Federal VA](#)

*Other Positions Available at our Walla Walla, Spokane, Orting & Port Orchard Veterans Home.*  
[Recruiters@dva.wa.gov](mailto:Recruiters@dva.wa.gov)

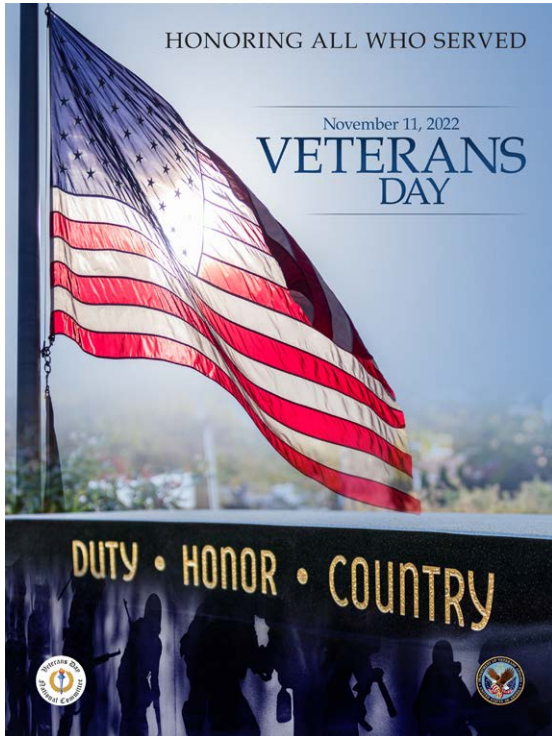
## State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake to Hold Committal Service for over 100 Veterans on November 16

Over the coming days unclaimed Veterans remains from throughout the state will be escorted to the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake where the cremains will be ceremoniously turned over to the Department of Veterans Affairs for interment. These individuals will be interred in their final resting place with full military honors following a community committal service.

The committal service will take place at **1:00pm** on **Wednesday November 16, 2022**, and is open to the public. This will be the largest number of unclaimed or abandoned remains received by WDVA for interment at one time. It may also be the largest in the nation for the Missing in America Project (501c3), who partnered in the research effort with WDVA and Dignity Memorial. As a reminder, pets or the use of any tobacco or vaping products are not allowed on the premises.

[Read More](#)

## Veterans Day - What Does it Mean to Be a Veteran



View More: [Veterans Day 2022 Events & Observances, Proclamation and Videos to Share on Veterans Day | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Walla Walla Veterans Home



## Walla Walla Veterans Home Honored Residents Enjoy WW Hot Air Balloon Stampede Event

A few early-bird honored residents and our amazing Activities crew decided to wake up and go out earlier than usual so they could enjoy the Walla Walla hot air balloon stampede launch!

We would like to thank our WWVH Volunteers and Staff for assisting with this community event. [#weloveourcommunity](#)

## November Events & Observances List

A calendar grid for the month of November. It shows dates from 1st to 30th. Some dates have small icons or text indicating events, but the text is too small to read.

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

Please email us your events at [communications@dva.wa.gov](mailto:communications@dva.wa.gov) so we can get them added.

**November - Veterans Day Events & Observances** - [Veterans Day Events & Observances - 2022 | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

**November 16** - [NEWS RELEASE - State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake to Hold Committal Service over 100 Veterans on November 16 | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

**November 16** - [CLARK COUNTY VETERANS HIRING AND RESOURCE FAIR | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

**November 18** - [Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Psychotherapists \(6 CEUs\) | WDVA](#)

(wa.gov)

**November 23** - [Meeting the Needs of Women & Gender-Diverse Veterans - Women Veterans Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

**November 29** - [Suicide prevention license plate emblem unveiling 2pm, Nov 29 | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

**December 09** - [\(11\) Commanders Call Town Hall Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee \(VAAC\) | Facebook](#)

Submit your event at [www.dva.wa.gov/calendar](http://www.dva.wa.gov/calendar)



[More Photos](#)

## Port Orchard Veterans Home



Honored residents and staff at our Port Orchard Veterans Home were able to recently enjoy fantastic live entertainment.

The Golden Westwind Air Force band came to play and entertain our Veterans with many of our Air Force Veteran Residents enjoying the celebration with their fellow branch of service members.

The Golden Westwind Band comes from Travis AFB in California and this Navy town welcomed them with open arms to our Port Orchard Washington Veterans Home! [#WeLoveOurCommunity](#)



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

Recognizing and Honoring Washington State Purple Heart Veterans – Washington Highway Sign Campaign

Every donation counts towards the goal of placing Purple Heart Highway Signs at all 34 state entrances into Washington!

Purple Heart Medals are presented to Armed Forces members who are killed or wounded in combat.

Learn more: [Purple Heart Donation](#)

## Washington Soldiers Home in Orting





## Spokane Veterans Home



## Covid Boosters at the Spokane Veterans Home

We recently held a bivalent booster clinic at the Spokane Veterans Home for honored residents and staff, where we are grateful to have [Washington State University](#) students assisting us in administering the boosters.

We would like to send a very special [#ThankYou](#) to



## Washington Soldiers Home [Northwest Trek Wildlife Park](#) Outing

Honored residents from our Washington Soldiers Home (WSH) had quite the adventure this week with the "Wild Drive" guided tour at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park.

Their adventure included many scenic vistas and close-up wildlife sightings! Everyone gathered for lunch at the picnic site for a tasty meal and great conversation.

We would like to send a special [#ThankYou](#) to the WSH Resident Council, volunteers & staff for supporting this exciting outdoor outing! [#WeLoveOurCommunity](#)



## Washington State Outstanding Service Veterans honored at Auburn Veterans Day event

the WSU students and their instructor, Susan McFadden!! [#WeLoveOurCommunity](#)



Several Washingtonians were honored on Saturday, November 5, 2022 with Outstanding Service to Veterans Awards for their contributions to Washington State's Veterans and their families during the past year.

Nominations are accepted for Superior Service, Distinguished Service, Team and Legislator of the Year awards between July and September.

The awards, co-sponsored each year by the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, recognize individuals who devote time and energy to improving the lives of Washington's Veterans and their families.

LIVESTREAM: [\(11\) Facebook](#)

READ MORE: [NEWS RELEASE - Washington State Outstanding Service to Veterans Awardees to be honored at Auburn Veterans Day event | WDVA](#)

# Available Now! Brand New Suicide Prevention License Plate Emblem

SUICIDE PREVENTION LICENSE PLATE EMBLEM UNVEILING 2PM, NOV 29

WASHINGTON SAMPLE  
988 LIFELINE | THERE IS HOPE!

2pm, November 29, 2022  
State Capitol Reception Room  
Capitol Campus, Olympia

RSVP:  
[Communications@dva.wa.gov](mailto:Communications@dva.wa.gov)

Members of the public are invited to help raise awareness for suicide prevention programs by purchasing a new suicide prevention license plate emblem.

All Washington State vehicle owners are eligible to purchase the emblem displaying the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number and the message that "There Is Hope!".

Emblems cost \$18 and can be placed on any passenger vehicle, truck, and large trailer license plate, including special and personalized plates.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION LICENSE PLATE EMBLEM - \$18 - AVAILABLE NOW!**  
\$10 FROM EVERY PLATE GOES TO THE VETERAN AND MILITARY MEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION ACCOUNT

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
"Serving Those Who Served"

To Purchase:  
<https://rb.gy/lr2aun>

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# Resource Database Workgroup Interest

YOUR WDVA is looking for community involvement to build the resource database and web-based application. HB1181 tasked WDVA to create and maintain a resource database for Service Members, Veterans, and Military Families in Washington State. To create something useful and meaningful for the community, we need your feedback. Workgroup membership includes:

Workgroup Activities:

- Creating user stories

Emblems cost \$18 and can be placed on any passenger vehicle, truck, and large trailer license plate, including special and personalized plates.

Ten dollars from the purchase of each emblem is deposited into the Veteran and Military Member Suicide Prevention Account. Grants from this account will be available to community organizations who provide suicide prevention, peer support, and other assistance to at-risk and transitioning veteran, military members, and their families.

[Read More](#)

## WDVA Inducted into Military Spouse Employment Partnership Program

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) was inducted into the Department of Defense's Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) on October 25<sup>th</sup> as part of 70 new government, nonprofit, and private employers. As part of this new cohort, WDVA joins more than 600 organizations committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting, and retaining military spouses.

The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Gilbert R. Cisneros Jr., welcomed the new companies into the partnership during an induction ceremony at the three-day MSEP Engage 2022 event held in Northern Virginia in late October.

"Today we're celebrating your commitment and induction, and this marks the culmination of a robust vetting process, all of which clearly demonstrated that you, the class of 2023, are truly committed."

- General database recommendations
- Feedback on usability
- Recommending resource categories

Workgroup Goals:

- Provide organized recommendations to DVA, based on community experience

What does commitment look like?

- Attend workgroup meetings
- Provide feedback
- Engage in goal-oriented, professional discussion

If you would like to be involved in the planning and implementation workgroup, please fill out a quick survey and you will be contacted with more information. This survey will close on November 4th. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHNLORP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHNLORP)

Other Veteran-Related News: -

[Lynnwood unveils memorial monument dedicated to Gold Star Families - Lynnwood Times](#)

[New U.S. Coast Guard base is activated today in Oregon | News | kdvr.com](#)

## WDVA Veteran Owned Business Program Named Business Champion of the Year



These awards are designed to give recognition to Military Spouse, Veteran and Active-Duty service members who have the vision to see what might be,





Read More: [WDVA Inducted into Military Spouse Employment Partnership Program | WDVA \(wa.gov\)](#)

are willing to take the risks that traditionally accompany any new endeavor, and possess the management skills to create a successful business enterprise.

Learn more about these awards by visiting: [2022 Entrepreneur Awards — The Rosie Network](#)

Learn more about Certified Veteran Owned Businesses Program in Washington state: [Veteran Owned Businesses | 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.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDVA2022>

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