

# Veteran Resources

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## Educational Resources:

1. Peninsula College. Veteran Services, 452-9277 or 877 452-9277. Ask for Trisha Plute, the Veteran's representative. She handles veteran's files and assists veterans utilizing their GI Bill or voc-rehab benefits. Located at 1502 E Lauridsen Blvd Port Angeles, WA 98362.
2. Peninsula College (Forks Extension Site): 360 374-3223. Located at 71 Forks Av Forks, WA 98331.
3. Peninsula College, (Port Townsend Extension Site): 360 385-4605. Located at 298 Battery Wy Port Townsend, WA 98368
4. VetCorps/ Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC): The VetCorps representatives of the VCC are located in many colleges throughout the State of Washington. At Peninsula College, the Vetcorps representative assists veterans and their dependents in navigating the College system. They do this by identifying the many services and resources provided by Peninsula College. They also provide resource information about local, State, and Federal VA services that may help a veteran or their dependent who are working towards their degree or certification. For more information, contact Jeremy Meyer at (360) 929-2326 or Jeff Reyes at (360) 670-9112 .
5. Washington State University Cooperative Extension (Port Hadlock): 360 379-5610. Located at 201 W Patison St Port Hadlock, WA 98339.
6. Washington State University Cooperative Extension (Port Angeles): (360) 417-2279. Located at 223 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 15, Port Angeles, WA 98362
7. Vocational Rehabilitation, WA Dept. of: (360) 457-2116
8. Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran's Dept.: Linda Roper, (206) 220-6128 #3114
9. Washington Women in Need: This group offers grants to women who are wanting to go to school. These grants are only offered at certain times of the year and can be applied for at: <http://www.wawomeninneed.org>

## Emergency Shelter/ Housing/Clothing:

1. Serenity House, Family Shelter Services: 2203 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles. (360) 452-7224
2. Serenity House, Single Adult Shelter: 2321 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles. (360) 452-7221
3. Housing Resource Center: (Port Angeles) (360) 565-5041. Great resource for low-income housing.
4. Housing Resource Center: (Sequim) (360) 477-4918
5. Housing Resource Center: (Forks) (360) 374-2558
6. WDVA Homeless: Contact: Ric Price. 1-800-562-2308 or 360-725-2236
7. WDVA Building 9: This building is located in Port Orchard, but can possibly provide for a veteran who is in need of temporary housing (they would have to relocate down there). Contact Ray Switzer. 1-800-562-2308 or email [building9@dva.wa.gov](mailto:building9@dva.wa.gov) (Attn: Ray Switzer) for more information. Applications and other information are also available at [www.dva.wa.gov/bldg9.html](http://www.dva.wa.gov/bldg9.html).

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8. Voices for Veterans: Mike McEvoy, (360) 457-2129 or (360) 460-9395.
9. Healthy Families Crisis Line: (360) 452-help (4357).
10. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Jefferson County: Crisis line (360) 385-5291. Business line, (360) 385-5292
11. Forks Abuse Program - 81 - 2nd Street, Forks, (360) 374-6411
12. West End Outreach Services, 530 Bogachiel Way, Forks, WA (360) 374-5011
13. Oxford House (Substance Abuse Recovery Homes): Hotline 1-877-869-7961
14. Housing Authority of Clallam County: (360) 452-7631. Located at 2603 S. Francis, Port Angeles, WA 98362.
15. Red Cross: 360 457-7933. They can assist with emergency/disaster housing.

## Employment:

1. Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP): Mike McEvoy, Clallam/Jefferson County. (360) 457-2129, or in Port Townsend on Wednesdays: 360 379-5020. Employment specialist for all veterans who are looking for employment.
2. Skookum (Jefferson County): Can assist disabled veterans with finding employment in Jefferson County (possibly Clallam Count as well). They will also work with veterans who are in the claims process for disability. For more information call: (360) 385-4980.
3. One of the best tools for finding employment in your area is the WorkSource website. It is located on the web at the following address: <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/worksource/Employment.aspx>. If you have questions regarding any of the jobs you see, please contact Mike McEvoy at (360) 457-2129 for assistance. On Wednesdays, Mike can be reached at 360 379-5020.

## Financial/food Help:

1. Financial Counseling: (See VA numbers, under Financial counselors)
2. Veteran's Relief Fund: (Clallam County) Tammy Sullenger, (360) 417-2597. Tammy will be available to assist veterans and their families in the basement of the courthouse from 2:30-4:30 pm, Mon-Fri.
3. Veteran's Relief Fund: (Jefferson County) Raina Randall, (360) 385-9100.
4. Strand Veteran's Relief Benefit Fund: Accessed through the Sequim VFW 4760. If interested, please call Bonnie at 683-9546 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, M-F.
5. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): LIHEAP helps low income households, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs. This program is ran by the Olympic Community Action Program (Olycap) and they can be contacted at (360) 452-4726 or 800-360-0666.
6. Olycap (Olympic Community Action Program): (360) 452-4726 or 800 360-0666. Located at 228 W 1st St Suite 'J' Port Angeles, WA 98362.
7. Olycap (Port Townsend): (360)-385-2571 or 800 464-2571. Located at 803 W Park St Port Townsend, WA 98368.
8. Olycap (Forks): (360) 374-6193. Located at 91 Maple St Forks, WA 98831.

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9. DSHS - Port Angeles/Sequim: (360) 565-2180.
10. DSHS - FORKS/WEST END: (360) 374-2257.
11. GM Lauridsen Foundation (Widows only): Call Doug Holst at (360) 452-8282.
12. St. Vincent de Paul (Port Angeles): (360) 457-5804
13. St. Vincent de Paul (Sequim): 360 681-2112
14. Salvation Army: E. 2nd & Peabody / Contact Linda Jensen. Tuesday 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Thursday 1:00 to 3:30 pm. (360) 452-7679
15. Manna: 139 W. 8th Street, (360) 457-3954, Local church Assistance Ministry. In person appointments only. Open Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm only
16. Senior Information & Assistance (Port Angeles/Sequim): The staff at Senior I&A can be reached at (360) 452-3221 or 800 801-0070. They are specialized in helping seniors find the assistance they may need. Located at 107 East 8th Street / Port Angeles, WA 98362.
17. Senior Information & Assistance (Port Townsend): 1-800 801-0050. Located at 915 Sheridan St. #202, Port Townsend WA 98368.
18. Senior Information & Assistance (Forks): 360 374-9496 or 888 571-6559. Located at 481 5th Av Forks, WA 98331.
19. Sequim Community Aid: (360) 681-3731. This number will reach their answering service, who will then have someone call you.
20. First Step Family Support Center: 323 E. 6<sup>th</sup> st. (360) 457-5484
21. Defenders Fund \* (See notes for description): Call Ric Price at 1-800-562-2308 / [wdvavip@dva.wa.gov](mailto:wdvavip@dva.wa.gov)
22. Competitive Grant Program \*(See notes for description): Call Ric Price at 1-800-562-2308 / [wdvavip@dva.wa.gov](mailto:wdvavip@dva.wa.gov)
23. Food Bank:
  - (Port Angeles): Valley St., Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 1:00 to 3:30 pm (360) 452-8568
  - (Sequim): 144 W. Alder. (360) 683-1205
  - (Forks): (360) 374-6350
  - (Port Townsend): (360) 385-9007

### Legal Aid:

1. CLEAR Legal Advice Hotline: 1-888-201-1014. The system allows low-income individuals to be referred to legal assistance in their community by calling the toll-free number. Certain cases can be referred to Northwest Justice Project offices, local volunteer lawyer programs, law school clinics or other resources in the caller's community.
2. Clallam-Jefferson Public Defender 360-452-3307 (from jail 452-3329), 516 East Front Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362
3. Disability Rights Washington (DRW): 1-800-562-2702. Disability Rights Washington is a private non-profit organization that protects the rights of people with disabilities statewide. They provide free advocacy services to people with disabilities. Website at [www.disabilityrightswa.org](http://www.disabilityrightswa.org)

### Medical supplies/bills/ treatment:

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1. VA Health Care System Virtual Clinic, Port Angeles: The local number to the clinic is: (360) 565-9330.
2. VA Puget Sound Health Care System: 1-800-329-8387
3. OMC Foundation: Bruce Skinner. [bruce@omhf.org](mailto:bruce@omhf.org). (360) 417-7144
4. Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics: Margaret Preston. 909 Georgiana Street Port Angeles, WA 98362. (360) 457-4431. [www.VIMOClinic.org](http://www.VIMOClinic.org)
5. Jefferson County MASH: 360-385-9400. Free medical care and referral service. Clinic held every Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 209 Monroe Street, Port Townsend in the basement of the American Legion Hall.
6. Hospice (Port Angeles/Sequim): Hospice also has medical equipment to loan at 540 E. 8<sup>th</sup> st, Port Angeles. They can be reached Monday- Friday, from 9:00am-4:00pm at, (360) 452-1511.
7. Hospice (Forks): (360) 374-5720
8. Sequim Walk-in Clinic, 520 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Sequim; (360) 582-1200. They accept Champus/VA and TriCare. Sandra Ramsey, Practice Manager.
9. Sequim Soroptimist - Medical Loan Closet. They loan new and used medical equipment to those in need. The medical equipment is free of charge to whoever needs it (primarily in the Sequim School District). However, donations are welcome. (360) 504-0231
10. ECHHO (Jefferson County): A non-profit organization that works in partnership with volunteers and community organizations of Jefferson County to provide social support and medical equipment to the elderly, disabled, or those who are of limited means. They can be found at 1110 Jefferson St., in Port Townsend. They are open 9:00 to 1:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and can be reached at (360) 379-3246. Website: <http://echhojc.org/index.htm>
11. Olycap Dental: (360) 452-4726
12. Washington Women in Need: This group offers grants to women who are in need of medical/dental/vision and hearing assistance. They may also assist with insurance premiums. These grants can be applied for by calling 425-451-8838 extension 307. HOWEVER, they can only be applied for at certain times. Please go to <http://www.wawomeninneed.org/doc/program.htm> for details.

## Counseling and AA/NA Meetings:

1. Alcoholics Anonymous (Port Angeles): 360 750-8566
2. Alcoholics Anonymous (Port Townsend): 360 385-0266
3. Janet Nicholas (VA CBOC Port Angeles): ARNP Psychiatric Nurse 360 565-9330.
4. Jenny Stamm (VA Social Worker, Port Angeles): 360 457-6024 or 360 565-9330.
5. Paul Daley: (360) 452-4345 (Private practice) Vets must have been in a combat theater to receive free MH service (DD-214 required). Or, veteran can have a service connected MH disability rating. Fee Services too.
6. Robert Perry: (Peninsula Community Mental Health) (360) 457-0431 or [robertp@pcmhc.org](mailto:robertp@pcmhc.org) . Counseling for both combat and non-combat veterans and their dependents. Veterans do not have to have a mental health disability rating

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through the VA. However, for non-combat veterans, it must be able to be shown that the problem either was linked to, or was exacerbated by, military service. The veteran and/or their dependents will need to show a DD-214 to receive counseling services.

7. Katijean Thorpe: (Peninsula Mental Health) Same contract as Robert.
8. Pamela Davick: (Peninsula Mental Health) Same contract as Robert.
9. Michele Bryant LICSW: (360) 417-8018. Port Angeles, private practice. Veteran must have Fee services referral.
10. Bruce Tapper, Ph.D. License No. PY1976.(Jefferson County) (360) 379-3500. Or [Bruce@DrTapper.com](mailto:Bruce@DrTapper.com) . He has a QTC Contract with the VA and can accept Fee Services. 281A Lane De Chantal, Port Townsend, WA 98368.
11. Viva Tapper, Ph.D. WA License No. AP30004411 . (Jefferson County) (360) 379-3500. Same office and contract as Bruce Tapper.
12. Jeffrey Collins, M.D.. Clinical Psychiatrist. (Jefferson County) (360) 379-3500. Or [Jeffrey@drtapper.com](mailto:Jeffrey@drtapper.com) . Same office and contract as Bruce Tapper.
13. Safe Harbor Recovery Center: (Jefferson County) 686 Lake Street, Port Townsend, (360) 385-3866. Ford Kessler works with veterans who are struggling with alcohol. He has a free veterans group that meets on Wednesdays.
14. West End Outreach Services - 360-374-5011 (therapists, case managers, chemical dependency treatment), 530 Bogachiel Way, Forks.
15. Forks Abuse Program, 360-374-6411 (sexual assault, domestic violence, and legal advocacy - no lawyers but support in court & with paperwork), 81 Second Street, Forks.
16. National VA Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
17. Trillium Treatment Center: (360) 457-9200. Located at 528 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Port Angeles, WA 98362
18. Washington Women in Need: This group offers grants to women who are looking to attend counseling from qualified mental health counselors. This grant can be applied for by calling 425-451-8838 extension 305 between 10 and 11 am, on Thursdays. You may need to try more than once.

### Service Officers (Help with Disability Claims):

1. DAV (Port Angeles): Karen Key, (360) 417-9444, M-T, 10am-2pm. Located in the annex behind 216 S Francis St, Port Angeles, WA 98362
2. DAV (Port Townsend): Ann Scarborough & Denny Gregg, 360-301-4152. Office Hours: Fridays 1pm to 4pm. Email: [ann-dav@olympus.net](mailto:ann-dav@olympus.net) . Located in the Senior Information & Assistance office: 915 Sheridan St. #202, Port Townsend WA 98368.
3. VFW (Port Angeles): Carl & Jo-Ann Himmelberger, Rudy Casares, Norm Goodin, and Bob Aiken . (360) 417-0294. Office hours: M-Th, 10:00-2:00pm Located at, 216 S Francis St, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Also, [joh@vfwpost1024.com](mailto:joh@vfwpost1024.com) .

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4. VFW (Sequim, Post 4760): Carl Bradshaw (360) 775-1477, or John Spriggs (360) 460-7633. The Fax number for both is: (360) 683-8021. Mail for them can be sent to P.O. Box 427, Sequim, WA 98382.
5. Fleet Reserve Association: Jake Fish, 460-2602 & Tom Flanik, (360) 477-4077.
6. Jefferson County Veterans Service Officer Association: Please contact Raina Randall at (360) 385-9100. She will contact one of the following Service Officers:  
Delmer Sayer: VFW Post 7498, Port Hadlock  
Sol Wiener: American Legion Post 26 Port Townsend  
Dick Wiltse: VFW Post 7014, Port Townsend  
Ken Gual: VFW Post 10706, Brinnon

### Transportation:

1. DAV Van: Transportation Officer, (360) 457-5251. Call in advance to get reservation.
2. Clallam County Paratransit: (360) 452-1397
3. Blue Top Cab: (Port Angeles Area) (360) 452-1717
4. Sun Taxi Inc: (Sequim Area) (360) 681-4090
5. Jefferson County Paratransit: (360) 385-4777. Located at 1615 W. Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368

### Tribal Resources:

1. LIHEAP: (Help with energy bill) 2851 Lower Elwha — Contact Becky Charles, (360) 452-8471, Criteria: Low income, Native American.
2. Lower Elwha Health Clinic: (360) 452-6252
3. Lower Elwha Tribal Veterans Representative: Jerry Charles (360)452-8471, Ext. # 302
4. Jamestown Family Health Clinic: (360) 582-2880
5. Jamestown Tribal Veterans Representative: W. Ron Allen (360)681-4621 [rallen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:rallen@jamestowntribe.org)
6. Quileute Dental Clinic, Family Health Center, LaPush (native American community, non-native pregnant women on Medicaid and all children on Medicaid), (360) 374-6984
7. Quileute Tribal Veterans Representative: James Hobucket (360)374-2065
8. Makah Tribal Veterans Representative: Arnie Hunter (360) 645-2321  
PO Box 431, Neah Bay, WA 98357.
9. Makah Chemical Dependency Assistance Program: (360) 645-2461
10. Neah Bay Clinic, 250 Fort Street, Neah Bay, all registered tribal members, (360) 645-2233
11. Lake Quinault Medical Clinic, 5423 Highway 101 North, Neilton, all registered tribal members, (360) 288-2577
12. Quinault Tribal Veterans Representative: Dennis Martin (360)276-8211

### VA Numbers:

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1. VA Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
2. VA Financial Counselors: 1-877-827-3702. While the VA has no direct funding to give out, they can still help veterans who are behind on their mortgage payments. Depending on a veteran's circumstances, the VA can intercede with the borrower on the veteran's behalf to pursue options, such as repayment plans, forbearance, and loan modifications that would allow a veteran to keep their home.
3. Debt Management Department: 1-800-827-0648. If a veteran has been overpaid for some reason, this department can help arrange a payment schedule to fit the veterans budget. This is an extremely hard number to get through to, so call as early as possible if you want to contact someone.
4. Education (GI Bill): 1-888-442-4551
5. Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387
6. Income Verification and Means Testing: 1-800-929-8387
7. Life Insurance: 1-800-669-8477
8. Mammography Helpline: 1-888-492-7844
9. Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation: 1-800-749-8387
10. Status of Headstones and Markers: 1-800-697-6947
11. Fee Services: (206) 277-4545 or 1-800-329-8387 Ext. 64545
12. Dr. Stephen Hunt, director of the Deployment Health Clinic at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System: 1-800-329-8387 Ext. 61139
13. VA Puget Sound Health Care System: 1-800-329-8387
14. Seamless Transition Unit (OEF/OIF Veterans): 1-800-329- 8387, then Press #3. Or, call Lisa Allen at 206-277-6506.
15. Seattle Post-Deployment Clinic: 206-764-2636
16. American Lake PTSD/ATC Unit: 253-583-1609
17. Women's Clinic: 206-768-5314

## WDVA Numbers:

1. WDVA, Service Center: The Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs offers an abundance of services to our veterans, from Service Officers that can help you with your claim to free counseling services from contractors located throughout the State. They also offer assistance with transitional housing, assisted living, and nursing home care for our veterans. For more information about the many programs offered, please call 1-800-562-2308.
2. Transitioning Warrior Program: Steve Gill or Malcolm Leach: (253) 966-4285. The Transitioning Warrior Program assists veterans who are looking at the challenge of transitioning out of the military and back into civilian life. They are familiar with resources in in not only the Fort Lewis area, but also other local areas throughout the state of Washington.
3. Homeless Veterans Coordinator: Ric Price. 1-800-562-2308 or 360-725-2236
4. Veterans' Incarcerated Project: Garry Hodgson, Office: 206-296-7564. Cell: 206-819-8685.

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5. Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC): Call the Service Center and ask for Mark Fischer, or call (360) 725-2224. Mark Fischer oversees the VCC program for the State of Washington. The VCC assists veterans with PTSD to reintegrate into society through a variety of outdoor and educational programs.
6. VCC Case Manager (Clallam/ Jefferson County): Jeff Reyes, (360) 670-9112. Assists veterans by locating necessary health, financial, or education resources within the region.
7. VCC Field Coordinator: Ed Bowen, (360) 808-0435. Ed assists veterans who are interested in creating or finding green energy jobs or programs.

## Notes:

### Defenders Fund:

You may be eligible for a one time emergency grant of up to \$1000.

- If you are a current or former WA National Guard or Reservist;
- Served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, or Noble Eagle and;
- Are experiencing financial hardships in employment, education, housing, health care or other areas due to extended deployment.

Veterans will be screened to determine whether they need additional assistance, such as claims preparation.

Payments will be made to creditors such as landlords or utilities to directly resolve the financial hardship.

The Defenders' Fund is meant to supplement other funding opportunities such as: County Veterans Assistance Funds, Minuteman or other private organization funds.

Contact your retention NCO or

- National Guard, Annie Deandrea at 253-512-8722
- Jeff Reyes at 360-670-9112

### Competitive Grant Program:

The Competitive Grant Program goes beyond the initial emergency assistance provided through the Defender's Fund, and focuses on activities that will help veterans and their families obtain sustainable family-wage employment. The maximum grant amount is \$3,500, unless a waiver is obtained.

Applicants must have served in Operation Noble Eagle; Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom, or have been awarded a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal.

Once again, the veteran should have attempted to go through the local Veteran's Relief Fund before applying for this grant.

Individual grants are tailored to meet the needs of the veteran or their family. Below are examples of how a grant could be used:

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- Supplement wages for on-the-job training or apprenticeship programs;
- Tuition payments for education or certification programs; and/or
- Supportive services such as transportation assistance, housing, child care, or other needs-related payments necessary to enable an individual to resolve crisis situations, enter training or employment, and/or retain employment.

Call Jeff Reyes at 360-670-9112 if you have questions.

## Veterans Family Fund

The Veterans Family Fund will provide direct grants for emergency financial assistance and activities that promote long-term financial stability.

This is a new program that will be funded with interest earned by Veterans Family Fund™ Certificates of Deposit. Grants will be made beginning in 2009 as the fund receives the interest from CDs that have matured. If you are a veteran or immediate family member and currently in need of assistance, please contact WDVA at 1-800-562-2308.

Please visit the Veterans Family Fund website for more information on the certificates of deposit. <http://www.veteransfamilyfund.org/>

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