

Veterans Assistance Fund

The Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund is dedicated to helping indigent veterans with temporary emergency assistance. The overall goal is to assist all veterans-in-need back into mainstream society by ensuring they understand all the programs available to them. Awarding temporary emergency assistance is governed by Washington State RCW 73.08 and Kitsap County Ordinance Title 2 Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.92 Veterans Assistance.

Those veterans who served more than 180 days of active duty and earned an honorable discharge may, along with their family members, be eligible for assistance. Others with a General Discharge under honorable characterization of service with a medical reason for separation for a condition listed as non-existent prior to service, regardless of the number of days served may be eligible. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis and awards are distributed based on documented need.

The fund can help with, but is not limited to:

- Rental assistance
- Energy or utilities assistance
- Food assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Medical & prescription coverage
- Burial or cremation assistance
- Auto repair
- Appliance repair
- Clothing
- Obtain state ID card or reinstate drivers license.
- Referrals to other social service agencies.

You can learn more about eligibility and download an application by scanning here.



The Unforgotten: Run to Tahoma

Each year the Kitsap County Medical Examiner identifies veterans who have passed away but whose remains are unclaimed because a few of our veterans have lost contact with friends and family through the years. Rather than burying those veterans in a community cemetery, the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board along



with local veteran service organizations claim the remains and collaborate to honor these veterans by holding a celebration of life ceremony which is followed by a funeral procession to Tahoma National Cemetery where Kitsap County's Unforgotten are laid to rest with honors. The event occurs on the Saturday of each Memorial Day Weekend.



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In Honor of Our
VETERANS



Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

*Serving you because
you served us!*



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Our Mission...

Advise the Kitsap County Commissioners on and recommend solutions to, veterans in need and help meet the emergent but temporary needs of the indigent and homeless veterans among us.



Kitsap County is proud of its citizens who served our country. The county is dedicated to providing information and assistance to our resident veterans, especially those in need. To that end, the 17 volunteer members of the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board host events, offer services, create opportunities for community members to be involved, and deliver the support our local veterans and their family members require.

Guided and supported by the three Kitsap County Commissioners, the Veterans Advisory Board is empowered to do what it takes to assure all are cared for with honor, dignity and the highest level of respect they earned.



Our promise...

We are committed to deliver services and assistance to all indigent and homeless veterans as quickly and efficiently as possible.



The Veterans Advisory Board participates in a variety of events through the year to inform and assist local veterans with obtaining the benefits they deserve. Two Stand Downs are conducted each year in collaboration with the Kitsap Area Veterans Alliance, or KAVA. In addition, Veterans Advisory Board members also engage as a community service provider at events such as Military Appreciation Day and Veterans Day in Kitsap County. The Veterans Advisory Board also hosts The Unforgotten: Run to Tahoma, a memorial held each year for those veterans who passed away without friends or family to claim them.

Our focus...

All veterans are important to us but available resources are dedicated to our most vulnerable, the indigent and homeless veterans.



Stand Down

As a veteran you may recall a Stand Down was a time dedicated after returning from deployment to take care of yourself, retrain, and re-equip for the next operation. In that context, our Stand Downs offer the same relief twice each year for those of our community who struggle with aspects of life most of us take for granted.

Veterans and their families are invited to two Veterans Stand Downs each year in the fall and spring, which typically take place at the Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Ave, Bremerton. Complimentary services for veterans and their families will be available including dental screenings, haircuts and assistance with housing, employment, education, counseling and more. Qualifying veterans and family members may also receive free clothing, sleeping bags, groceries, and personal hygiene items. Learn more about our Stand Downs by scanning the QR code below.

