



Veterans Advisory Board



The purpose and establishment of the Veteran's Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and the programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 10, 2023

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Olympic College, building 4, Room 129 **Note: Room Change**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Topic: Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting ID: 834 6002 9859

Passcode: 116863

Phone: 1-253-215-8782

A G E N D A

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| 1. Call to Order | Rick Raymond |
| 2. Online Announcement | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 3. Welcome to attendees and new board members. | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 4. Introduction of Attendees | Rick Raymond |
| 5. Approval of Agenda* | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 6. Approval of March 8, 2023, VAB Minutes* | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 7. Guest Speaker – | |
| a. Stephanie Christensen, Community Integration Program Manager, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and her Division Director, Doug Baxter-Jenkins. Stephanie and Doug's team recently conducted a public health assessment of community needs in Kitsap County. She will be presenting results of the assessment and would like feedback from VAB members about met and unmet health needs in the community from a veteran perspective. Results of studies such as this have resulted in development community health resource improvements such as the VM/FH Family Medicine residency program | |

which is enhancing access to primary care in the local area.

8. Reports

a. Veterans Assistance Fund Reports

Rick Becker

b. Committee Reports

Topic	VAB Member
Aging Veterans Services	Vacant
Housing and Homelessness	Branden Davis
Public Affairs and Social Media	Brian Davis
Special Event VAB Support - a. Veterans Day b. Military Appreciation Day c. Stand Downs d. Run to Tahoma e. other events approved by the board.	Peggy Roy
Veteran Education	Tatiane Simmons
Veteran Health Care	Peggy Roy
Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs	Rick Raymond
Veterans Garden	George Holden
Women's Veteran Services	Jayme DeGooyer

9. Old Business:

a. Policy and Procedure review update

Rick Becker

b. VAB Member vacancies and recruiting.

10. New Business

Topic	VAB Member
a.	Jayme DeGooyer

11. Public Comments

12. Good of the Order/Announcements

13. Next Meeting – June 14, 2023, 1730, Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129.

14. Adjourn

VAB Events 2023

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.

January 11 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

February 8 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

March 4 - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion

March 11 – Veteran Garden Prep – Blueberry Park, Bremerton 11am-1pm.

March 8 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

March 28 - Veteran Garden Prep - Blueberry Park, Bremerton 3pm to 5pm.

April 12 - VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

April 22 – Spring Stand Down, Sheridan Park Community Center 9am-2pm.

April TBD – Veteran Garden Planting and Maintenance

May 10 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

May 13 – Veterans Garden Maintenance 10am-12pm.

May 20 – Armed Forces Day Parade and Festival, Bremerton

May 22 – Veterans Garden Maintenance 5pm to 7pm.

May 26 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from Coroner to CountyAdmin Building.

May 27 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma 10:00am Kitsap County Administration Building. Funeral procession follows at 11:00am.

June TBD – Veteran Garden Maintenance.

June 7 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

July TBD – Veteran's Garden Maintenance.

July 12 – VAB monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

August TBD – Veterans Garden Maintenance

August 9 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm.

September TBD – Veteran Garden Harvest

September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Awareness program. 6:30pm-8pm.

September 13 – VAB Monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

September 23 – Fall Stand Down; 10am to 2pm. (set up, registration, and tear down)

October TBD – Veterans Garden Harvest and winter preparations.

October 10 – VAB monthly Meeting 5:30pm.

November 4 – VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting) 9am – 4pm.

November 11 - Veterans Day at the Kitsap Pavilion. Time TBD

December 13 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

January 2024 – Begin Run to Tahoma planning.

January 10, 2024 – VAB monthly meeting 5:30pm

January 15, 2024 – Submit Run to Tahoma Permit to City of Port Orchard.

**MINUTES OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD
April 12, 2023
In-Person and Online Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted at Olympic College and called to order by Rick Raymond at 5:35 PM. Access was available to members and the community through Zoom.

Announcements: The Chair, Jayme DeGooyer, read the required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.

Introductions: Rick Raymond led introductions of board members and other attendees.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Peggy Roy and seconded by Rick Raymond to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: Members reviewed the March minutes. A motion was made by Peggy Roy and seconded by Rick Raymond to accept the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Speakers: There were no guest speakers this month.

Reports.

- a. Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF). Rick Becker reviewed the financial reports with the members. Spending is on track with historic monthly averages, but it is still too soon to evaluate any specific trends. A request was made to have Garry Hughes appear before the board to answer specific questions about some of the entries for clarity. Rick Becker said he would ask Mr. Hughes to attend a future meeting but noted there is no requirement in the KCR contract for Garry to present to the board.
- b. Committee Reports.
 - **Aging Veterans Services.** Jayme DeGooyer noted the position is vacant and asked members to contact her to volunteer to keep the VAB informed about community services that can assist our veterans over the age of 60.
 - **Housing and Homelessness.** Branden Davis updated the group on his project to construct a veteran transitional housing unit in Bremerton. Discussions continue with city officials and building planners. A realtor has been secured. Grants are being requested and new funding sources are being researched.
 - **Public Affairs and Social Media.** Brian Davis noted that the Facebook page is seeing more activity. More popular "hits" are seen on posts related to housing and employment. Brian encouraged members to continue posting veteran related content or send him suggestions.
 - **Special Event Support.**
 - **Stand Down** - Peggy Roy commented that Stand Down planning is progressing well. More volunteers are needed to staff the registration desk. Jayme DeGooyer will send out a reminder. Carlos Trujillo suggested that a mechanism should be in place to assess why veterans attend the event. Rick Becker said the new revision of the registration form will contain this information. VAB members are asked to be available for the Stand Down between 10am and 2pm on 22 April.
 - **The Unforgotten: Run to Tahoma.** Peggy Roy explained that event planning is going smoothly. The City of Port Orchard is in the process of evaluating the permit due to the request street closure on Division Street. The riders are well organized, and discussions

reveal that the route to Tahoma National Cemetery will be safe for all.

- **Peggy Roy reminded members of Armed Forces Day activities occurring in Bremerton on 20 May.** Learn more about the event schedule and activities here: [Armed Forces Day Festival - Greater Kitsap Chamber](#) See flier below.
- **Veteran Education.** No report this month.
- **Veteran Health Care.** The VA Clinic in Silverdale is hosting an Open House on 4/25/2023 for the launch of their new Virtual Health Resource Center. [Virtual Health Resource Centers | Connected Care \(va.gov\)](#) Named Connected Care, more information can be obtained by calling 866-651-3180 24/7. The main phone number for the Silverdale VA Clinic 360-307-6920. [Silverdale VA Clinic | VA Puget Sound Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#) A press release about the program is available at the following link: [Patient Experience Week: VA Puget Sound Rolls Out New Virtual Health Resource Centers To Help Veterans Take Advantage Of Virtual Care Tools | VA Puget Sound Health Care | Veterans Affairs](#)
- **Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs.** Rick Raymond announced his participation in a local mental health awareness event at the Kitsap County Administration Building on 20 May. Event flier is attached below. Planning continues with the National Suicide Prevention Awareness program scheduled for September 10, 2023.
- **Veterans Garden.** George Holden reported maintenance days are scheduled through May. See attached flier. Weeds in the plot are being managed and planting is ongoing as season opportunities arrive. Refer a veteran in need to George for more information about participation. The garden is located at the Blueberry Park, 737 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310. All members are encouraged to assist.
- **Women's Resource Group.** Jayme continues her preparation to participate in the April Stand Down at Sheridan Community Center in Bremerton on 22 April. The Women's Circle area will feature many items and services to assist women veterans.

Old Business –

- a. Policy and Procedure Review. Rick Becker noted he has nothing new to report. He discussed the importance of VAB members periodically reviewing the Policies and Procedures to assure policies are current and addressing veteran needs. He reminded members that the policies and procedures are a primary mechanism the VAB uses to communicate veteran needs and recommended solutions to the commissioners.

New Business – No new business.

Good of the Order/Announcements: No announcements.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Next meeting: The next Veterans Advisory Board meeting will be May 10, 2023, at 5:30 pm. The in-person meeting will be held at Olympic College in Building 4, Room 129. Note: This is a change from the past meeting location. A link for online access will appear in the meeting agendas and at the Veterans Advisory Board web site. See link below. For community members: Agenda packets for past and future meetings can be found at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/VAB-ADVISORY-BOARD.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Task Tracker			
Date	Name	Task and Goal for Completion	Progress
1/11/23	Rick Becker	Policy and Procedures Review	Awaiting board member feedback.

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***ATTENDANCE:**

MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Jayme DeGooyer (I) Richard Raymond (I) Peggy Roy (I) Harry Gilger (I) Tatiane Simons (I) Bob Theal (Z) Branden Davis (Z) Mark Lowe (Z) George Holden (I) Brian Davis (Z) Bill Martin (I) Carlos Trujillo (I) <u>Absent / Excused</u> Dan Piper (E) Joe Kochera () Joel Atteberry ()		Rick Becker (I)
*Note: (I) = In-Person (Z) = Zoom (E) = Excused		



Kitsap County Board of Commissioners
Kitsap County Medical Examiner's Office
Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board
Combat Veterans International



The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma XII Celebration of Life Ceremony

Memorial Day Weekend
Kitsap County Admin Building, Port Orchard
Saturday, May 27, 2023

Celebration of Life Ceremony begins at 10:00 am

*"...these departed men and women are OURS and WE will take them to
their final resting place."*

Join us in honoring with word and song, the lives of departed veterans
as we receive their remains from the county coroner and escort them
to Tahoma National Cemetery

*We know you will stand in spirit with us this day, to honor the lives of
our veterans.*

All riders: Stage motorcycles no later than 9:30 a.m.

BREMERTON'S 76TH ANNUAL

Armed Forces Day FESTIVAL

SPONSORED BY KITSAP CREDIT UNION

HEAD DOWNTOWN FOR THE FUN!

SAT Military Culinary Arts Competition
MAY 6 10am - 2pm | Olympic College Bremer Student Center (Building 10)

SAT Bremerton Central Lions Pancake Breakfast
MAY 20 7am - 10am | 4th & Pacific

- ★ **Kitsap Credit Union Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade**
Grand Marshal, **Rear Admiral Mark Behning**, Commander, Submarine Group NINE
10am - Noon | Downtown Bremerton
- ★ **Heroes Barbeque & Information Fair**
11am - 12:30pm | Downtown Bremerton, Kitsap Bank Parking Lot
- ★ **Armed Forces Festival Movie**
1pm and 4pm | Roxy Theatre
- ★ **Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Gala**
6pm | Kitsap Golf & Country Club

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THERE'S MORE
IN DOWNTOWN!

Shopping & Dining & Hotels
USS Turner Joy
Kitsap History Museum
Navy Museum
Bremerton Fountain Park

Collect your 2023
Armed Forces Day
Commemorative Coin!

FIND ME IN
DOWNTOWN!
(with purchase/entry at
participating locations in
Downtown Bremerton)



GO ONLINE FOR MORE
FESTIVAL INFORMATION
[GREATERKITSAPCHAMBER.COM](https://www.greaterkitsapchamber.com)





Kitsap Suicide Awareness Coalition

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT

We're better together



May 20th, 1 - 3 PM

**Kitsap County
Administration Building
619 Division St, Port Orchard 98366**



**Vendors & Resources
Ask the Experts Panel Discussion**



The Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board 2023 Veterans Garden



**Blueberry Park P-Patch Garden
737 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310**

Grow and harvest with fellow veterans.

**Call for more information:
Kitsap County Veterans Services 360-337-4811**



2023 Veteran Garden Work Plan	
Planting	April 25th 5PM - 7PM
Maintenance	May 13th 10am—12pm
Maintenance	May 22nd 5pm - 7pm
Maintenance	June TBD
Maintenance	July TBD
Maintenance	August TBD
Harvest	September TBD

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2023 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of April 30, 2023

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	-	300,000.00		
Current Revenue					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	650,000.00	363,220.12	55.9%	286,779.88
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	733.76	36.7%	1,266.24
3000	Other Revenue	2,700.00	583.88	21.6%	2,116.12
	Revenue total	654,700.00	364,537.76	55.7%	290,162.24
	Budget total	654,700.00			
County Staff Charges					
5101	Regular Salaries	44,370.00	13,714.52	30.9%	30,655.48
5201	Industrial Insurance	499.00	146.87	29.4%	352.13
5202	Social Security	3,394.00	1,041.99	30.7%	2,352.01
5203	PERS Retirement	4,548.00	1,424.96	31.3%	3,123.04
5209	WA State Family Leave	65.00	20.86	32.1%	44.14
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	2,415.00	33.3%	4,830.00
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5422	Cellular Telephone	-	340.59	100.0%	(340.59)
5425	Postage	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00
5431	Mileage	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5432	Travel	-	-	0.0%	-
5451	Operating Rentals	500.00	233.23	46.6%	266.77
5452	Cloud Service Subscriptions	-	183.86	100.0%	(183.86)
5492	Dues/Subscriptions	-	163.69	100.0%	(163.69)
5496	Printing & Binding	-	87.44	100.0%	(87.44)
5499	Other Miscellaneous	-	51.50	100.0%	(51.50)
Contracted Services					
5415	Management Consulting	-	-	0.0%	-
	KCR	600,000.00	3,234.00	0.5%	596,766.00
	NW Justice League	50,000.00	5,740.00	11.5%	44,260.00
Standdown					
5413	Medical/Dental	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5441	Advertising	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5499	Other Miscellaneous	11,100.00	-	0.0%	11,100.00
County Charges					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,556.00	1,185.32	33.3%	2,370.68
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,365.00	455.00	33.3%	910.00
5922	I/F IS Projects	260.00	86.68	33.3%	173.32
5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	5,659.00	1,414.75	25.0%	4,244.25
	Expense total	736,661.00	31,940.26	4.3%	704,720.74
	Estimated ending Fund Balance	-	218,000.00		
	Budget total	736,661.00			