



The purpose of the Kitsap County 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 indigen veterans and their families

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Date: August 12, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129

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Topic: Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting To join by phone call 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 814 9194 3375

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*Action items

1. Call to Order – Mark Lowe
2. Online Announcement – Mark Lowe
3. Welcome to attendees and new board members
4. Introduction of Attendees
5. Approval of Agenda *
6. Approval of July 8th, 2026, VAB Minutes *
7. Guest Speaker: Marcia Patty – Navy Wounded Warrior
8. Reports
 - a. Veterans Assistance Fund – Steve Corcoran (Attachment A)
 - b. Update on KCR – Marqus Ellis (Attachment B & C)
 - c. Committee Reports
 - Housing & Homelessness/Aging Veteran Services – Matt Shillingburg/Emily Buster
 - Public Affairs and Social Media – Brian Davis/Carlos Trujillo

- Special Events/VAB Support – Jack Cahoon
- Veteran Education – Tatiane Simons
- Veteran Health Care – VACANT
- Women’s Veteran Services – Emily Buster
- Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs/Suicide Awareness – Emily Buster
- Veterans Garden – Jay Bonner
- Veteran Employment and Employment Opportunities – Bill Martin
- Tribe Outreach - Emily Buster

9. Old Business

- a. WDVA Town Hall meeting scheduled for October 22nd, 2026.
- b. Randy’s Heating and Cooling update.

10. New Business

11. Public Comments

12. Good of the Order/Announcements

13. Next Meeting – September 9, 2026

14. Adjourn -

VAB Events 2026

January 7 – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.

January 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic **Homelessness, Dan Piper (re-Scheduled)**

February 11 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: **Sound Works, Bob Middlebrook**

March 11 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: **Matt (Legislative session)**

March TBD - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion

March/April TBD - Veteran Garden prep

April 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: **Permission to Start Dreaming FDN and Warrior PATHH Program - Scooter Lewis – 360.602.9589 (Bill Martin)**

April 25 – Spring Stand Down, Sheridan Park Community Center

May TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

May 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: **Lynette George – Blue Star Banner Program**

May 22 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from the Medical Examiner to the County Administration Building lobby.

May 23 – 1000, The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma

June 10 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: **County VSO program brief (Jason VA brief)**

July TBD – 1000 – 1200, Veteran's Garden Working Party

July 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting– Topic: **Next Mission Alliance (Formerly known as Operation Military Family) Shala Reese 360-767-2021**

August 12 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting. – **Topic:**
Navy Wounded Warrior – Marcia Patty – 360-8507388

September 9 - 1730, VAB Monthly Meeting – **Topic:** - **Mindy Rocha- Barella – Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Navy League Military Correspondent.**

September 12th – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, 3rd Annual Suicide Awareness Walk & Resource Event. Evergreen Park.

September 26 - Fall Stand Down; 1000 - 1400 (set up, vet registration, and tear down)

October 14 – 1730 VAB monthly meeting – **Topic:**

November 7 - 0900 - 1400, VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting)

November 11, Veterans Day

December 2, Unforgotten Run initial meeting,

December 9 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – **Topic:**
WorkSource DVOP – Nancy Zellers – 360-340-7540

Minutes of the Kitsap County Advisory Board July 8, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was conducted via ZOOM and in-person and called to order by Mark Lowe at 5:33 PM.

Announcements: Mark Lowe reviewed the required on-line announcement, covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.

Introductions: Mark Lowe led introductions of board members and additional attendees.

Approval of Agenda. The July agenda was reviewed by all members. A motion was made by Bill Martin to approve, with a seconded from Matt Schillingburg. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes. June minutes were reviewed by all members. The motion was made by Wendy Robinson, with a seconded from Bill Martin. The motion passed unanimously, with amended comments from Brian & Jay.

Speaker. None.

Reports

- A. Veterans Assistance Fund Report – Steve Corcoran reported KCR budget is at 39.3% utilized and Northwest Justice is at 35.7%. The need of veterans requesting Veteran Assistance funding expects to increase for the remainder of the year.
- B. KCR Assistance Fund Expenditures – Marqus Ellis was absent. Steve reviewed KCR report.

Committee Reports

- **Housing & Homelessness/Aging Veterans Services** – Matt reported KAVA event scheduled for September 26th. Next planning meeting is 7/9. Retsil Family Fun Day is scheduled for 7/11 from 10-2. There are 60 veterans in temporary housing at Retsil. Matt continues to pursue services for our older veterans.
- **Public Affairs and social media** – Brian Davis/Carlos Trujillo. No report.
- **Special Event/VAB support** – Jack reported KAVA Fall standdown September 26th, planning continues. Veterans Day event is in the planning. CVI Chapter 11 is donating approximately \$6500.00 to KAVA from a recent motorcycle run. This will be presented at a future KAVA planning meeting. 19TH Hole fundraiser on August 19 to support KAVA. Enlisted golf tournament on September 18.

- **Veteran Education** – Tatiane reported Olympic College/MVP has hired 3 school certifying officials. Tatiane also shared VSO dates from Seattle. The MVP Building 11 is under renovation, Room 100 is closed, and has been moved to room 114. Entire building will be secured 7/27 through 7/31. Jennifer and Steve will utilize Fleet Reserve Association Branch 29 building during the MVP closure.
 - **Veteran Health Care** – Jayme reported Silverdale CBOC has advocate staffing issues, so there may be delays in services.
 - **Women's Veteran Services** – Emily reported Kitsap Pacific Northwest Veterans is starting a women's group. Veterans meet on the last Thursday of the month at different locations. Emily will attend the PNW event on July 18th in Lakewood.
 - **Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs** – 3rd annual Suicide Awareness Walk and Resource Event will be September 12th, 12:00 – 3:00 PM at Evergreen Park in Bremerton.
 - **Veterans Garden** – Jay will reach out to Retsil Veterans Home to ask if they will support VAB creating a veteran's garden, with the intent the residents maintain the garden with VAB assistance. It was also shared South Kitsap Food Bank may also be an option for a veteran's garden. Blueberry Park in Bremerton needs to be notified we will no longer have a plot there. VFW Post 2669 may also be an option.
 - **Veteran Employment & Employment Opportunities** – Bill reported PSNS will hold a federal resume writing event 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm July 21st. Vet Tribe meets July 22nd at Crane's Castle, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Tribe Outreach** – Emily attended Suquamish Warriors meeting on 7/7.

Old Business

- **Guest speakers for 2026** – Bill will reach out to Shayla Reese as guest speak in October.
- **Veteran Garden update** – VAB is pursuing options.
- **WDVA Town Hall** – 10/22/2026. Matt will reach out to Heidi Audette and David Fuentes of WDVA for assistance and details. Matt has also presented a list of venues, (Bremerton Conference Center, Fairgrounds Pavillion, Clearwater Casino)
- Matt is pursuing creating business cards for VAB with a QR Code. These will be used to give to veterans in need.

New Business – Public

Comment - none

Good Order/Announcements -

VSO Jennifer Doering discussed POA concerns when completing VA claims.

Steve will be presenting the Veterans Program to the BOCC on August 17.

CVI Chapter 11 supported 2 veterans with funds.

Bill Martin will attend “Serving those who serve”, August 19 and 20 in Wenatchee.
Next meeting – August 12, 2026.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Members’ attendance at the July meeting:

Mark Lowe

Bill Martin

Jay Bonner

Fred Borgmann

Emily Buster

Jayme GeGooyer

Wendy Robinson

Thelma Ruiz

Phil Saurer

Matt Shillingburg

Tatiane Simons

Staff

Steve Corcoran

Jennifer Doering



VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD 2026 WORK PLAN

Meeting Days, Time and Location: : 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 1730; Location Olympic College Bldg4, Rm 129

Advisory Group Staff: Steve Corcoran scorcoran@kitsap.gov 360-396-337/4811/360-227-9093

Advisory Group 2025 Chair/Co-Chairs: Chair – Mark Lowe, Co-Chair – Bill Martin

Advisory Group Purpose/Mission Statement: Advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local and indigent veterans, the resources available to help veterans and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

2026 Goal	Status % Complete	2026 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
TIER 1: HIGH PRIORITY			
1. Establish a women's group that meets regularly.	0%	High	The number of women veterans has steadily increased over the years with a corresponding increase in participation at veteran events. Experience at the Women's Circle at Stand Downs has shown there may be enough demand to offer more regular meeting opportunities for women veterans. Investigate options to rally women veterans in Kitsap County as part of their support system. Emily Buster
2. Support two Stand Downs.	50%	High	Kitsap Veteran Stand Downs have proven to be a valuable service to the indigent and homeless veterans. Continue the strong partnership with KAVA to plan and execute two Stand Downs during 2025. Mark Lowe, Bill Martin
3. Run to Tahoma	100%	High	The Run to Tahoma is a deeply meaningful tribute to honor veterans in Kitsap County who have passed away without family or friends to claim them. Maintain the partnership with veteran service organizations to ensure a touching and impactful event on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Jack Cahoon
4. Kitsap County Veterans Home Support	0%	High	Randy Johnson of Randy's Heating and Cooling, 360-979-9429/360-621-6915 POC. Chairperson required from VAB to assist with this endeavor. This program will help low-income veterans with home improvements for little or no cost. Entire VAB

2026 Goal	Status % Complete	2026 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
5. Support Military Appreciation Day	100%	High	This well-loved event celebrates both active-duty service members and veterans, drawing significant community attention. Sponsor a table to share valuable information about the Kitsap County Veterans Program and veteran benefits. Veterans Program Coordinator
6. Support Veterans Day Event	0%	High	Dedicated to honoring veterans, this event offers a platform to connect with the community. Sponsor a table to provide insights into the Kitsap County Veterans Program and available veteran benefits. Veterans Program Coordinator
7. Hold a Community Service Provider gathering to discuss outreach and service to veterans. Kitsap County Veterans Service Provider "Muster."	30%	High	Develop and implement a plan to convene service providers and stakeholders for a collaborative discussion on creating a systematic approach to support veterans transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Focus on identifying key challenges, sharing resources, and establishing actionable steps to streamline services and improve outcomes for veterans in need. Matt Shillingburg, Mark Lowe.
8. Provide guidance, support, and resources to newly hired Kitsap County VSO.	60%	High	The Board will offer institutional knowledge, local context, and strategic insight into veteran needs across Kitsap County; assist with onboarding through introductions to community partners and service providers; and provide ongoing feedback on emerging trends, service gaps, and best practices. Through regular communication, shared resource development, and coordinated outreach efforts, the Board will help ensure the Veteran Service Officer is well-equipped to effectively serve veterans and their families while strengthening continuity and impact across the county's veteran support network. Veterans Program Coordinator, Entire VAB

TIER 2: MODERATE PRIORITY			
2026 Goal	Status % Complete	2026 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
1. Increase outreach activities to both active duty and veterans. Work with other Veteran organizations, groups, and individuals to determine what needs are not being met in Kitsap County and if we can find appropriate solutions.	0%	Moderate	Ensuring veterans and transitioning active-duty service members are fully informed about the wide range of benefits available to them can significantly enhance their lives and overall well-being. Beyond supporting key events such as Stand Downs, the Run to Tahoma, Military Appreciation Day, and Veterans Day, explore additional opportunities to address the needs of both active-duty personnel and veterans. We will do this by connecting with more veterans to determine what needs are not being met. Potential strategies include expanding social media outreach, participating in more civic events, and fostering deeper collaboration with local veteran service organizations. These efforts can strengthen connections and provide even greater support to those who have served. Bill Martin / Mark Lowe
TIER 3: LOW PRIORITY			
1. Garden – Improve veteran participation in the garden care. Deliver harvested vegetables to the Fall Stand Down.	Ongoing	Low	Determine if Blueberry park is still the right location for the Veteran's garden and consider moving the garden activities to the Retsil veterans' home to help with garden care. Jason Reis/Jay Bonner
2. Continue perusing more veterans benefit administration presence in Kitsap County.	Ongoing	Low	The Veterans Administration once provided local in-person assistance to Kitsap County veterans. Low visitor counts to the office forced the VA to reconsider how they will deliver services to local veterans. The use of “pop up” events is used to address unmet needs in the rural areas of Washington State. Maintain contact with VA staff to ensure the VAB is informed about VA sponsored in-person events to better serve local veterans. Mark Lowe, Entire VAB.

2026 Fund Balance Report
Veteran's Program
July 31, 2026

Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
Beginning Fund Balance	-	\$1,000,000.00		
<u>Current Revenue</u>				
Real & Personal Property	\$850,000.00	\$461,352.12	54.3%	\$388,647.88
Investment Interest	\$1,114.14	\$2,237.71	200.8%	(\$1,123.57)
Other Revenue	\$3,054.00	\$1,555.27	50.9%	\$1,498.73
Revenue total	\$ 854,168.14	\$ 465,145.10	54.5%	\$ 389,023.04
<u>County Staff Charges</u>				
5101 - Regular Pay	\$ 116,780.00	\$ 54,076.07	46.3%	\$ 62,703.93
5201 - Industrial Insurance	\$ 990.00	\$ 448.12	45.3%	\$ 541.88
5202 - Social Security	\$ 8,934.00	\$ 4,096.76	45.9%	\$ 4,837.24
5203 - PERS Retirement	\$ 6,516.00	\$ 2,981.64	45.8%	\$ 3,534.36
5209 - WA Family & Medical Leave	\$ 254.00	\$ 174.59	68.7%	\$ 79.41
5229 - Employer Benefits Costs	\$ 24,624.00	\$ 14,364.00	58.3%	\$ 10,260.00
5311 - Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,000.00
5352 - Small Tools and Equipment - Trackable	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 500.00
5419 - Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 49.40	0.0%	\$ (49.40)
5421 - Telecommunication and Web Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 425.55	42.6%	\$ 574.45
5425 - Mailing, Shipping, and Courier Services	\$ 150.00	\$ 3.74	2.5%	\$ 146.26
5431 - Employee Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,500.00
5451 - Long-Term Equipment Leases	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 342.51	22.8%	\$ 1,157.49
5452 - Short-Term Software and Cloud Subscriptions	\$ 300.00	\$ 164.95	55.0%	\$ 135.05
5497 - Training and Education	\$ -	\$ 213.14		\$ (213.14)
Total County Staff Charges	\$ 164,048.00	\$ 77,340.47	47.1%	\$ 86,707.53
<u>Contracted Services</u>				
Management Consulting				
KCR	\$ 625,950.00	\$ 293,270.83	46.9%	\$ 332,679.17
NW Justice League	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 31,556.00	39.4%	\$ 48,444.00
<u>Standdown</u>				
5413 - Employee Healthcare Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 4,000.00
5441 - Legal Notices and Advertising Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 675.00	33.8%	\$ 1,325.00
5454 - Short-Term Equipment and Operating Rentals	\$ 950.00	\$ 965.00	101.6%	\$ (15.00)
<u>Veteran's Garden</u>	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,200.00
<u>County Charges</u>				
5912 - Interfund IS Service Charges	\$ 3,862.00	\$ 2,252.81	58.3%	\$ 1,609.19
5913 - Interfund IS Program Maintenance and Dev	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 959.56	58.3%	\$ 685.44
5914 - Interfund IS Fleet Recovery	\$ 400.00	\$ 233.31	58.3%	\$ 166.69
5922 - Interfund IS Projects	\$ 304.00	\$ 177.31	58.3%	\$ 126.69
5996 - Interfund Indirect Cost Allocations	\$ 7,363.00	\$ 5,522.25	75.0%	\$ 1,840.75
Total Expense	\$ 891,722.00	\$ 412,952.54		
Total 2026 Balance (Income minus Expense)	\$ (37,553.86)	\$ 52,192.56		
Estimated ending Fund Balance	\$ 962,446.14	\$ 1,052,192.56		

Activity	July 2026	YTD
Total Application	50	326
Total # Of New Application	14	84
Applications Accepted	14	84
Applications Denied	2	9
General Discharges	2	10
Total Unduplicated	50	324
Total Payout	41,108.28	216,751.09
Applications In Progress	0	
Activity	Amount	Services Delivered
Appliances	\$	
Auto Repair	\$ 5,689.09	3
Burial	\$ 1,457.68	2
Bus Pass	\$	
Bus Ticket Home	\$	
Clean & Sober Housing	\$	
Clothing	\$ 1,422.21	11
Dental	\$	
Eviction Relief Funding	\$ 14,124.97	10
Food	\$ 1,176.50	34
Gasoline	\$ 1,107.04	23
Heating Oil	\$	
Motel	\$ 2,077.27	1
Medical	\$ 365	1
Natural Gas	\$	
Occupation Certification	\$	
Phone	\$	
Propane	\$	
PSE	\$	
1 st Month Rent / Move In / Security Deposit	\$ 6,466.25	2
Sewer	\$ 454.88	1
Union Dues	\$	
Waste Management	\$	
Water	\$ 1,176.50	1
Wood for Heat/ Pellets	\$	
Hygiene / Household / Cleaning Supplies	\$ 716.40	8

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND 2026

MONTHLY REPORT: July 2026 : SUBMITTED BY MARQUS ELLIS

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2026

Total Direct Service Budget 2026- \$476,867

Activity	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Total 2026
Appliances	\$969.70												
Auto Repair	\$5,023.77	\$6,003.86	\$5,505.34	\$3,401.95	\$5,883.25	\$8,801.88	\$5,689.09						
Burial	\$1,500.00			\$1,233.31		\$2,415.88	\$1,457.68						
Bus Pass			\$50.00			\$50.00							
Bus Ticket Home													
Clean & Sober Housing													
Clothing	\$1,017.68	\$950.44	\$549.64	\$1,603.01	\$1,062.22	\$655.12	\$1,422.21						
Dental			\$1,829.32		\$3,321.75								
Eviction Relief Funding	\$15,097.97	\$19,348.15	\$18,215.94	\$11,039.00	\$10,417.77	\$13,888.82	\$14,124.97						
Food	\$4,171.32	\$5,468.74	\$4,061.90	\$4,821.02	\$3,914.09	\$4,859.45	\$5,982.28						
Gasoline	\$808.12	\$537.63	\$646.22	\$1,200.00	\$746.35	\$920.28	\$1,107.04						
Heating Oil			\$400.00										
Hygiene, & Cleaning Supplies	\$833.99	\$838.93	\$656.48	\$600.33	\$703.42	\$716.40	\$785.11						
Motel		\$851.79	\$2,018.39	\$1,453.38	\$157.90	\$590.49	\$2,077.27						
Medical	\$41.42					\$326.80	\$365.00						
Natural Gas	\$330.21	\$395.73		\$508.72									
Occupation Certification													
Phone													
Propane				\$274.00									
PSE	\$4,495.65	\$2,995.33	\$3,543.75	\$3,913.50	432.56	\$570.10							
Move In Assistance : 1st / Last Month		\$3,200.00	\$7,125.00	\$278.00	\$5,488.98	\$475.00	\$6,466.25						
Sewer	\$541.68						\$454.88						
Union Dues													
Water		\$41.10	\$695.88	\$423.32	\$347.74		\$1,176.50						
Waste Management		\$572.24	\$57.55		\$33.78	\$87.20							
Wood for Heat/ Pellets													
TOTALS	\$34,831.51	\$41,203.94	\$45,355.41	\$30,749.54	\$32,509.81	\$34,357.42	\$41,108.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance	\$442,035.49	\$400,831.55	\$355,476.14	\$324,726.60	\$292,216.79	\$257,859.37	\$216,751.09	\$216,751.09	\$216,751.09	\$216,751.09	\$216,751.09	\$216,751.09	\$0.00%
2026 VAF Direct Service Spend Percentag													0.00%

Demographics	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Total 2026
Veteran	41	43	46	48	50	48	50						326
Dependent	0	0	1	1	1	1	4						8
Widow	2	1	2	2	2	3	3						15
Gender													
Male	38	37	38	40	45	40	45						238
Female	3	6	8	8	5	8	5						43
Other Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
2026 Applications (Services) Per month	70	93	85	102	88	81	111						630
2026 New Clients served YTD	11	16	10	12	10	11	14						84
2026 Clients denied	1	0	1	1	1	2	2						8
2026 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	41	41	46	48	50	48	50						324