

SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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Resources for Veterans

Counseling

The Vet Center (Dept of Veterans Affairs) is located at 3800 Byron St #124, Bellingham 360-733-9226. The Vet Center offers readjustment counseling, and has community service officers who can help any veteran obtain discharge papers and access to benefits.

Financial Assistance

- Whatcom County Veterans Assistance: Rick Hamilton / Daniel 360-676-6700 (County Annex, 1000 N Forest) provides limited financial assistance to vets and their widows who have been a resident in Whatcom County for at least a year.
- Skagit County Veterans Assistance: Carmina Villalobos at Skagit Community Action Agency, 330 Pacific Pl, Mt Vernon 98273 (360-416-7585) or Dave Mitchell, VFW (360-416-7103 or 421-0103).
- To apply for a Veteran's pension call 1-800-562-2308 or go to www.dav.wa.gov

Health Care

- Retired Military persons seeking medical care can go to Whidbey – Oak Harbor Naval Military Hospital or Everett Naval Air Base or McCord Air Force Base in Tacoma .
- Veterans who are NOT currently enrolled in the VA medical system call 1-800-329-8387 or go to www.va.gov . The Vet Center (above) will also help veterans to enroll.
- Currently enrolled veterans can receive care at the VA Medical Center in Seattle or (starting summer 2009) at the Mt Vernon Medical Bldg, 307 S 13th St, Mt Vernon. For an appointment call 206-764-2547.
- DAV Van service: Volunteer drivers transport veterans to VA Medical Center in Seattle from Bellingham. Call 360-223-2200 at least 72 hours in advance. The van cannot take wheelchairs.

Aid & Attendant Care

This is a program that can pay in-home care expenses for some disabled veterans. To qualify the veteran must have served during a period of war, have an honorable discharge, be 65+ or permanently disabled, and meet income guidelines. To apply call the State Veteran's Affairs office at 1-800-562-2308 or go to www.dav.wa.gov . If having problems with these programs, call the Federal Office at 1-800-827-1000.

Assistance for Veterans who are tribal members

Lummi tribe: David Jefferson 360-2283
Nooksack tribe: Jovie Joven 360-5176

Warning: There are several scams in which veterans are being approached with an offer to help them access VA pensions. Please be very cautious if approached.