

## Kitsap County Veterans Programs

### Veterans Housing Options Group (VHOG)

Come learn about the various housing programs and opportunities from VA Puget Sound, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, Kitsap County Veterans Program, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, and Kitsap Community Resources Housing Solutions Center. Group meets in-person on 1<sup>st</sup>; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (except for holidays), at 1:00 p.m., at Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, WA.

### Housing Solutions Center

The Housing Solutions Center (HSC) of Kitsap County offers individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless a one-stop location to access all forms of housing assistance including emergency shelters, rental & deposit assistance, as well as landlord referrals. All housing referrals will be subject to the availability of the desired resources in the community. Call 360-473-2035

### Veterans Assistance Fund

Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) operates the Veterans Assistance Fund Program under contract with the Kitsap County. The fund provides eligible veterans and/or immediate family members with emergency financial assistance.

Temporary emergency assistance is available for:

- ◆ Rental, energy, and utilities assistance
- ◆ Assistance with food, transportation, medical & prescription costs, and many other needs.
- ◆ Call 360-473-2034

## Kitsap County Veterans Court

Veterans Court is a judicially supervised treatment program for chemical dependency and/or co-existing mental disorders. [Veteran's Court Eligibility \(kitsapgov.com\)](http://www.kitsapgov.com/veterans-court-eligibility)

### Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)



### WDVA Transitional Housing Program

The WDVA Transitional Housing Program (THP) provides wrap-around services to veterans experiencing homelessness. A total of 130 beds are provided between two separate locations, in Port Orchard, and Orting WA. Building 10 is located on the grounds with Washington Veterans Home – RETSIL, in Port Orchard. Roosevelt Barracks, & Betsy Ross House are located on the grounds with Washington Soldiers Home in Orting WA.

The program is designed to assist homeless veterans in need of stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and increased income potential. Supportive staff assist veterans to engage with services and achieve a goal of greater self-determination and housing stability. Link to video about the program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXgjd0WP3us>

#### Addresses:

<b>Building 10</b>	<b>Roosevelt Barracks/Betsy Ross House</b>
1141 Beach Drive E.,	1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy.,
Port Orchard, WA 98378	Orting, WA 98360
Phone: 360-895-4371	Phone: 253-263-0735

For more information, please contact:

### Kitsap County Veterans Program

#### Coordinator

Veterans Assistance Program

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<https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/VAB-LANDING.aspx>

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## Veteran Housing Resources

*"...to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."*

*Abraham Lincoln, 1865*

***The U.S. Department of VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans provides 24/7 access to trained responders for federal, state, and local partners and community agencies. To reach trained VA staff members, call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).***



## U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Programs for Veterans Housing

- ◆ Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless can call or visit their local VA Medical Center or Community Resource and Referral Center where VA staff are ready to help.
- ◆ Veterans and their families may also call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to access VA services.
- ◆ Explore <https://www.va.gov/homeless/> to learn about VA programs for Veterans who are homeless and share that information with *others*.

## Homeless Veteran Community Employment Services (HVCES)

- ◆ Employment is a key element in helping Veterans' transition permanently out of homelessness or avoid it altogether. The HVCES program makes it easier than ever for business and industry to find, interview and hire job-ready Veterans exiting homelessness.
- ◆ Through this program, VA has deployed more than 150 Community Employment Coordinators (CECs), based at most VA Medical Centers across the country, to collaborate with employers ready to hire Veterans exiting homelessness. CECs are recruiters' connection to potential Veteran new hires for jobs in a wide variety of sectors.
- ◆ [Homeless Veterans Community Employment Services - VA Homeless Programs](#)
- ◆ Phone: 1-877-424-3838



## Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

- ◆ SSVF provides case management & supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans & their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance.
- ◆ Kitsap County Contact: 253-208-7505

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)

- ◆ This collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing. As of Sept. 30, 2015, HUD had allocated more than 78,000 vouchers to help house Veterans across the country. Connect via a referral from Kitsap Community Resources - Housing Solutions Center (HSC).

## Vocational Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

- ◆ VR&E helps Veterans and Service members with service-connected disabilities and employment barriers prepare for, find and maintain suitable careers. For Veterans and Service members with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, VR&E offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Apply: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/how-to-apply/>

## Health Care for Veterans

- ◆ The Veterans Health Administration is America's largest integrated health care system with over 1,700 sites of care, serving 8.76 million Veterans each year.
- ◆ VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 9177 Ridgetop Blvd NW, Silverdale, WA 98383. Phone: (360) 307-6920
- ◆ VA Puget Sound Health Care System.
- ◆ Phone: 1-800-329-8387

## Mental Health Services Emergency: 988 then PRESS 1

**Veteran Justice Outreach** provides eligible justice involved Veterans with timely access to VA's mental health and substance use services when clinically indicated, and other VA services and benefits as appropriate.  
Email: [PugJusticeOutreach@va.gov](mailto:PugJusticeOutreach@va.gov)

**VA's Substance Use Disorder Treatment Enhancement Initiative** provides substance use services in the community to aid homeless Veterans' recovery. Call: 800-827-1000

**The Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans Program** helps incarcerated Veterans successfully rejoin the community through supports including those addressing mental health and substance use problems. Email: [anthony.sparber@va.gov](mailto:anthony.sparber@va.gov)

**The Readjustment Counseling Service's Vet Center Programs** feature community-based locations and outreach activities that help to identify homeless Veterans and match homeless Veterans with necessary services. Call: 360-307-6920 for more information.

