

Where to Apply

The following agencies can guide you through the many benefits that might be available and help you apply.

Bainbridge Island

Helpline House

282 Knechtel Way NE

Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 9 am to 5 pm

Call 206.842.7621 for an appointment

Bremerton

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5

2315 Burwell Avenue; 360.373.2397

Hours: Mon. thru Wed. 9 am to 4 pm

Ask for service officer

Port Orchard

VFW Post 2669

736 Bay Street; 360.876.2669

Hours: Tues. Noon to 4 pm

Ask for service officer

Poulsbo

American Legion Post 245

19068 Jensen Way

Thursdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Silverdale

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4992

9981 Central Valley Road

Call 692.4992 for appointment

American Legion Post 109

Call 649.3663 for appointment

Suquamish

Suquamish Tribe Veterans Office

18490 Suquamish way NE

Hours: Tues., Wed. 10 am to 2 pm

Call 360.394.8515 for an appointment

Suquamish Warriors Vets Center

6353 NE Middle Street. 360.626.1080 Hours:

Thursdays, 9 am to 3 pm



Washington State Veterans Home Cemetery in Retsil.

Kitsap County Coroner's Office
614 Division Street, MS-17
Port Orchard, WA 98366
P: 360.337.7077 F: 360.337.4942



Veteran Burial Benefits

Where to Find Help

When a veteran passes away, surviving family members and friends can find help at three levels of government: Federal, State, and County.

Each program has different sets of eligibility criteria. The agencies listed on the overleaf can explain what benefits surviving family members or the deceased are eligible for and help fill out applications. Friends of the veteran may also be eligible for reimbursement if they have helped with burial costs.

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has several burial benefits including, but not limited to, a government headstone or marker, burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate, and interment in a national cemetery.

Eligibility can extend to spouses and dependent children. In some instances, a burial allowance is allowed. For more information, go to www.va.gov or call 800.535.1117.



Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake.

Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs operates the State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake. For more information go to www.dva.wa.gov or call 509.299.6280

The Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund provides help for low income and homeless veterans and their families, which includes funeral expenses up to \$500.

To qualify for the county's program, the deceased veteran must be income eligible and have a discharge under Honorable conditions.

Bring the following items to your application appointment:

- DD214 or Statement of Service or discharge certificate.
- Proof of 90 days residency of veteran in Kitsap County at time of death.
- Death certificate.
- Invoice or bill from funeral home
- Survivors need to bring marriage certificate, domestic partner certification, and birth certificate or adoption papers of dependent children.
- Income verification that demonstrates need of assistance (pay stubs, tax return, unemployment check stubs, etc.) of the deceased veteran and any family members of the deceased veterans household.



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On Saturday, Memorial Day Weekend, with the cooperation of the County Coroner, the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board and Combat Veterans International have a Celebration of Life ceremony for deceased veterans and escort them to Tahoma National Cemetery. Any departed veteran with a discharge under honorable conditions is welcome to be included in this event. Contact the Kitsap County Coroner's Office for more information at 360.337.7077.