



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: February 9, 2022
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Online

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Topic: Kitsap County VAB Meeting
Meeting ID: 872 9855 0007
Passcode: 737889
Phone: 1-253-215-8782

A G E N D A

* = Action Item

1. Call to Order / Introductions Harry Gilger
2. Online Announcement Peggy Roy
3. Welcome Peggy Roy
4. Approval of Agenda* VAB
5. Approval of Minutes, January 2022* VAB
6. Guest Speaker Jim McKenna (KAVA)
7. Reports:
 - a. Veterans Assistance Funds (reports provided in packet)
 - b. Committee Reports
 - Tiny Houses – Clive
 - Veterans Garden – Dennis/George
 - Howe Management Farm Plan
 - Adam Smith Park
 - Public Affairs – Joe
 - Military Appreciation – Joe
 - Social Media – Brian
 - Veterans Day – Bob
 - Women's Resource Group – Peggy
 - Suicide Prevention – Rick/Dan
 - Veteran Education – Tatiane
 - Unforgotten Run – Harry

- CBOC – Peggy

8. Old Business:

- a. Build for Zero presentation, <https://community.solutions/built-for-zero/>; Rick Raymond
- b. Assessment of raising poverty threshold to increase eligibility for use of the Veterans Assistance Fund. (150%, 175% or 200% of poverty level); Rick Becker

9. New Business:

- a. Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF Program), George Holden
- b. Point in Time Count, Peggy Roy

10. Public Comment:

11. Good of the Order/Announcements

12. Next Meeting, Time & Place – March 9, 2022, 1730; Place TBD

13. Adjourn

VAB Events 2022

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings

January 12 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

February 9 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

March 9 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

March 5 - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion

March/April - Veteran Garden prep

April 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

April 30 – Spring Stand Down; 1000 – 1400 + set up and tear down

May TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

May 11 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

May 27 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from Coroner to County Admin Building

May 28 – 1000, The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma

June TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

June 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

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

July 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

August TBD – Veterans Garden Working Party

August 10 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting

September 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

September 10 - 1830- 2000; World Suicide Prevention

September 24 - Fall Stand Down; 1000 - 1400 + set up and tear down

October TBD - Veterans Garden Working Party

October 12 – 1730 VAB monthly meeting

November 5 - 0900 - 1400, VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting)

November 11, Veterans Day

December 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

January 11, 2023 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

January 2023 - begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings

**MINUTES OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD
January 12, 2022
Online meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Harry Gilger at 5:30 PM.

- **Announcements**
 - Chair read required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.
 - Chair greeted new member, Joel Atteberry, to the group.
 - Each member provided a brief introduction to the group.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Joe Kochera and seconded by Rick Raymond to approve agenda.
- **Approval of minutes:** Motion made by George Holden and seconded by Scott Austin to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes.
- **Reports: Committee Reports (Five Minutes Each)**
 - Veterans Assistance Funds - Comment made to change title of budget to Veterans Assistance Fund vice Veterans Relief Fund to comply with RCW 73.08.005.
 - Tiny Houses – Clive updated the group on the use of Tiny Houses in the community by the homeless. He said there is progress building the homes, but obstacles still exist placing the homes at agreeable sites. Jeff Rimack added that permitting is needed in most cases and there is still community objections to placing tiny homes in some areas.
 - Veterans Garden – George Holden commented that he has been in contact with Laura but has not been contacted regarding moving forward with establishing a plot in the Adam Smith Park on Traceyton Blvd. He will again reach out to Laura to see what is needed to establish a plot. He reported that Dennis has been working to prepare the Veteran Plot in Port Orchard but it is still early to do much. Rick Becker reported that he communicated with the WSU Extension representative to ask for a Master Gardner contact. That information was passed to Dennis.
 - Public Affairs Officer – Nothing new to report
 - Military Appreciation Day – The date has been set for the 2022 event, March 5.
 - Veteran Day – Nothing new to report.
 - Social Media – Brian reported he has been posting information to the VAB Facebook page about the warming centers. He also consulted with Rebecca Pirtle to explore other social media opportunities.
 - Suicide Prevention – Rick Raymond commented that a key individual

with the state of Washington departed their position so events supporting suicide awareness have been put on hold. He also noted that he is working on a presentation to the board that he would like to present to members at the February VAB meeting.

- Veteran Education – Tatiane Simmons reported that Olympic College is seeing higher enrollment than the state of Washington at large. Veteran activity has increased. She also noted that the President signed a bill to extend the use of special Veteran education benefits that permits the veteran to receive the monthly housing allowance (MHA) at the resident (in-person) rate for classes taken online until June 2022.
 - Women’s Resource Group – Nothing new to report
 - Unforgotten Run – Harry reported that initial groundwork is underway to prepare for remembrance of veterans. The event will be held on the 28th of May. All VAB members are expected to participate in ceremonies conducted on Saturday morning, 28 May 2022, at the Kitsap County administration building. Planning for the event is underway.
 - CBOC – Peggy Roy commented that the Silverdale Veterans Administration CBOC is now enrolled to capacity. Veterans who are newly qualified for VA health care will need to enroll at another site.
- **Old Business –**
- Veterans Services Web Site Verification. Scott Austin reported on his review of the Kitsap County, Veterans Services web site. He reviewed web links to assure they work and found the information to be accurate.
 - 2021 Veterans Assistance Fund Review. Rick Becker presented slides he delivered to the County Commissioners on the 8th of December where he reviewed the status of the Veterans Assistance Fund and activities of the Veterans Advisory Board during 2021. George Holden commented that he believed taxes should be raised to support a larger budget. Rick Becker responded by noting in the past 12 months our Kitsap Community Resources VAF administrator has not denied any applicants so that may indicate funds are sufficient to meet needs. He went on to say there may be evidence to show inflation is limiting assistance. While no applicants were denied assistance, we don’t know how many people could have / should have applied for assistance but did not. Another data point we do not currently measure is the amount requested by applicants and the amount approved. If we are to make a recommendation to the Commissioners, we will have to demonstrate needs that are not being met with available funds. Rick Becker will be working with Garry Hughes to analyze gaps and report back to the VAB.
 - Work Plan 2022. Rick Becker announced that the section of the Work Plan discussing the Women’s Circle was changed by Peggy Roy to display the group meeting twice (vice 4 times) each year at the Stand Downs. A new item was added in the Moderate Importance section to investigate options regarding veterans keeping their “pets.” Frank Gibbons will lead the project and report his findings and recommendations to the VAB.

- VAB Roster. Peggy Roy sent the roster out for validation to all members. Members were asked to update information for accuracy and include service organization affiliations with their updates. Updates should be passed to Rick Becker as soon as possible after changes to information occurs.
- **New Business –**
 - Build for Zero, <https://community.solutions/built-for-zero/>; Rick Raymond stated he wants to spend more time on the presentation and will plan to deliver it at the February VAB meeting.

Good of the Order/Announcements:

- Peggy Roy announced the date for the Spring Stand Down has been set for April 30, 2022. The focus will be to conduct an in-person stand down and also include plans for a Grab & Go depending on COVID.
- Guest speaker for February will be Jim McKenna, Kitsap Area Veterans Alliance (KAVA)

Next meeting: Next monthly meeting will be February 9, 2022 at the Kitsap Golf Course. The address will be sent to the members.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1855

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Harry Gilger Brian Davis Dan Piper Scott Austin Frank Gibbons Joe Kochera Dennis Mannick Bob Theal Peggy Roy Boyd Lee George Holden Jeff Rimack Clive Stewart Tatiane Simons Richard Raymond Joel Atteberry <u>Absent/Excused</u> Jayme DeGooyer (E)	Cheryl Frazier (KAVA)	Sonya Mills Rick Becker

2022 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of January 31, 2022

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	300,000.00	354,753.69		
Current Revenue					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	596,000.00	1,748.93	0.3%	594,251.07
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
3000	Other Revenue	0.00	6.09	100.0%	(6.09)
	Revenue total	598,000.00	1,755.02	0.3%	596,244.98
	Budget total	898,000.00			
County Staff Charges					
5101	Regular Salaries	38,759.00	1,706.51	4.4%	37,052.49
5201	Industrial Insurance	455.00	17.78	3.9%	437.22
5202	Social Security	2,965.00	129.46	4.4%	2,835.54
5203	PERS Retirement	3,973.00	165.32	4.2%	3,807.68
5209	WA State Family Leave	57.00	(3.08)	-5.4%	60.08
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	603.75	8.3%	6,641.25
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	192.39	38.5%	307.61
5425	Postage	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00
5431	Mileage	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5432	Travel	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
Contracted Services					
5415	Management Consulting	(130,000.00)	-	0.0%	(130,000.00)
	KCR	600,000.00	-	0.0%	600,000.00
	NW Justice League	50,000.00	-	0.0%	50,000.00
Standdown					
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5413	Medical/Dental	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5441	Advertising	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5451	Operating Rentals	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5499	Other Miscellaneous	9,483.00	-	0.0%	9,483.00
County Charges					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,012.00	-	0.0%	3,012.00
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,170.00	-	0.0%	1,170.00
5922	I/F IS Projects	166.00	-	0.0%	166.00
5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	6,001.00	-	0.0%	6,001.00
	Expense total	600,386.00	2,812.13	0.5%	597,573.87
	Ending Fund Balance	297,614.00	353,696.58		

Budget total

898,000.00



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Veterans Assistance Fund 2022

Monthly Report: January 2022

Submitted by: Garry Hughes

Activity	January	YTD
Total Applicants	52	52
Total # of New Applicants	4	4
Applications Accepted	52	52
Applications Denied	0	0
General Discharges	1	1
2022 Total Unduplicated	52	52
Total Payout	37,470.13	37,470.13

Activity	
Appliances	
Auto Repair	\$ 5,987.52
Burial	
Bus Pass	
Bus Ticket Home	
Clothing	
Dental	\$ 958.50
Food, includes hygiene and cleaning supplies	\$ 2,048.69
Gasoline	\$ 606.98
Heating Oil	
Motel	\$ 284.90
Medical	\$ 42.52
Natural Gas	\$ 138.90
Occupation Certification	
Phone	\$ 1,128.95
Propane	\$ 1,273.06
PSE	\$ 2,983.63
Rent	\$ 20,322.20
Sewer	\$ 457.41
Union Dues	
Waste Management	\$ 167.24
Water	
Wood for Heat/ Pellets	\$ 1,064.63
Misc.	
Total Payout	\$ 37,470.13

Demographics	January	YTD
Veteran	49	49
Dependent	3	3
Widow	0	0
Gender		
Male	32	32
Female	20	20
Other Gender	0	0
Age		
30 yrs. old and under	2	2
31 to 60 yrs. old	19	19
60 yrs. old and over	31	31
Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	0	0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	52	52
Race		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	11	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
White	41	41
Other Race	0	0
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0	0

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund, some were given information on other KCR programs.

KCR \$ value of referrals – \$3,047

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2022 – Present) – \$3,047

Applications Denied:

- 0 individuals denied

Referrals

All clients are given referrals to community services including KCR.

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund, all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR:

- Pierce County VAF
- Mason County VAF
- KCR Energy Programs
- Housing Kitsap
- Housing Solutions Center (HSC)
- Salvation Army/St. Vincent De Paul/DSHS
- Food Banks/Free Meal Sites
- SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families)
- Work Source
- WDVA/Building 10

- Kitsap County Senior Information and assistance
- 211 Resource Line
- Legal Resources/Northwest Justice Project
- VASH Program (Section 8)
- Catholic Community Services
- American Financial Solutions
- Code of Vets.Com
- Free WIFI through Boost Mobile
- Navy/Marine Corps relief Society

\$ Value of Referrals outside of KCR - \$2,865

\$ Value of Referrals YTD (January 2022-Present) - \$2,865

45 phone calls fielded seeking information outside of assistance fund

January Breakdown:

Jail Contacts – 1

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 1 individuals

Clean and Sober Housing – 800 (\$ included in rent total above)

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 1 individuals (\$) 800

Eviction relief Funding – 0

YTD (January 2022-Present) – 0 Households (\$)

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2022

Total Direct Service Budget 2022 - \$350,000

Activity	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total 2022
Appliances													\$ -
Auto Repair	\$ 5,988												\$ 5,988
Burial													\$ -
Bus Pass													\$ -
Bus Ticket Home													\$ -
Clothing													\$ -
Dental	\$ 959												\$ 959
Food	\$ 2,049												\$ 2,049
Gasoline	\$ 607												\$ 607
Heating Oil													\$ -
Motel	\$ 285												\$ 285
Medical	\$ 47												\$ 47
Natural Gas	\$ 139												\$ 139
Occupation Certification													\$ -
Phone	\$ 1,129												\$ 1,129
Propane	\$ 1,273												\$ 1,273
PSE	\$ 2,984												\$ 2,984
Rent	\$ 20,322												\$ 20,322
Sewer	\$ 457												\$ 457
Union Dues													\$ -
Waste Management	\$ 167												\$ 167
Water	\$ 1,065												\$ 1,065
Wood for Heat/ Pellets													\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 37,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,471
Balance	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529	\$ 312,529

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Age													
30 yrs. old and under	2												2
31 to 60 yrs. old	19												19
60 yrs. old and over	31												31
Ethnicity													
Hispanic or Latino	0												0
Non-Hispanic or Latino	52												52
Race													
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0												0
Asian	0												0
Black or African American	11												11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0												0
White	41												41
Other Race	0												0
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0												0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2022 Applications Per month	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
2022 New Clients served YTD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2022 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52

2021 Applications Per month	50	40	48	43	41	49	49	51	51	56	57		535
2021 New Clients served YTD	5	5	3	3	0	4	5	3	5	9	6		48
2021 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
2021 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	24	19	14	8	12	15	15	13	9	6		185

2020 Applications Per month	50	42	31	33	37	45	49	36	55	59	43	60	540
2020 New Clients served YTD	8	6	5	6	6	9	4	3	6	5	3	8	69
2020 Clients denied	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2020 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	22	17	19	16	16	15	8	12	16	8	9	208

2019 Applications Per month	57	39	51	67	58	44	58	48	41	63	43	44	613
2019 New Clients served YTD	7	8	7	9	8	7	10	4	4	11	5	5	85
2019 Clients denied	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
2019 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	56	20	22	31	24	18	21	11	15	18	13	7	256

2018 Applications Per month	41	29	34	38	42	42	43	33	40	37	40		419
2018 New Clients served YTD	7	4	2	5	5	4	5	5	8	9	7		61
2018 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0		3
2018 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	41	16	17	11	18	15	18	11	12	17	22		198

2017 Applications Per month	37	30	49	43	36	48	48	55	38	49	48	47	528
2017 New Clients served YTD	8	8	7	12	8	8	3	13	15	10	7	11	110
2017 Clients denied	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	2	2	15
2017 Total Clients Served	37	29	48	41	36	46	48	54	37	46	46	45	513

2016 Applications per month	36	45	37	36	36	41	50	40	33	37	35	32	458
2016 New Clients served YTD	10	14	7	5	5	10	13	10	9	7	9	2	101

2015 Applications per month	38	35	46	45	39	22	48	41	42	34	40	42	472
2015 New Clients served YTD	11	13	19	12	8	5	14	14	10	10	13	15	144