

Where to Apply

Bainbridge Island

Helpline House

282 Knechtel Way NE

Hours: Monday thru Friday 0900 to 1700

Call 206.842.7621 for appointment

Bremerton

VFW Post 239

190 S. Dora Avenue; 360.377.6739

Hours: Wednesdays 1100 to 1330 hours

Ask for service officer

American Legion Post 68

1240 Sheridan Road; 360.373.0233

Hours: Mondays 1800 to 2000,

Wednesdays 1100 to 1330

Ask for service officer

Port Orchard

VFW Post 2669

736 Bay Street; 360.876.2669

Hours: Tuesdays 1230 to 1700

Ask for service officer

Poulsbo

American Legion Post 245 (at the
National Guard Armory)

19133 Jensen Way; 360.779.5456

Hours: Thursday, 1000 to 1500

Ask for service officer

Silverdale

Service officers at large.

Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. by ap-
pointment only. Call service officers Sharon Vogel
360.265.5953 or Allen Gates 360.649.1412

Squamish

Squamish Tribe Veterans Office

15838 Sandy Hook Road

Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays 1000 to 1400

Call 360.394.8515 for an appointment.

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

Mission Statement

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans 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 programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Members

- Allan Bailey
- Mike Carroll
- Duane Cruz
- Allen Gates
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Kitsap County

Dept. of Personnel & Human Services

614 Division St., MS-23

Port Orchard, WA 98366-4676

Phone: 360.337.4883 & Fax 360.337.5721

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/hr/wsolympic/VeteransAdvisory>



Have You Served on Active Duty?



KITSAP COUNTY

Veterans Assistance Fund
Veterans Advisory Board

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund

Washington state law and the Kitsap County code have established the Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF) as a steady source of tax dollars to be utilized for the needs of indigent veterans and their families. A portion of property tax collected in Kitsap County is earmarked for the VAF.

The overall goal is to assist all veterans-in-need back into mainstream society by ensuring they understand all the programs available to them.

Temporary emergency assistance is available for:

- Rental and mortgage assistance
- Energy or utilities assistance
- Food assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Medical & prescription coverage
- Burial or cremation assistance
- Auto repair
- Appliance repair
- Clothing



How to Apply

The Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund (formerly known as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund) is designed to help veterans with temporary emergency assistance. Those who have served more than 180 days of active duty or their immediate family members who are interested in receiving assistance need to apply through local VFW, American Legion posts or other approved agencies. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Those with a dishonorable discharge are not eligible.

Please use the following suggestions to make the process as effective as possible, and to maximize programs available to you and your family.

Your local VFW or American Legion Service Officer is very knowledgeable about a variety of opportunities that may be available to you.

The service officer is an expert on how to apply for the county assistance fund.

The service officer's role is to help you prepare your application and to serve as your advocate if needed.

The service officer does not determine your eligibility.

Questions to Ask

- Ask the service officer if you might be eligible for benefits from the federal Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Ask the service officer if the local post or its national organization might have a program that meets your needs.
- Ask the service officer to help you apply for the county assistance fund. Under this step, the service officer will ask you to provide required written documentation to support your request. The more documentation you can provide, the faster your application can be processed and you might be eligible for more services!

What to Bring

- DD214 or Statement of Service. If you don't have either, call the VA office at 360.782.9900 for assistance. Discharge certificate for WWII veterans.
- Proof of Kitsap County residency at time of application and 12 consecutive months residency in Washington State.
- Photo ID such as drivers license, state ID, passport.
- Proof of registration with the Washington State Job Service Veterans Section—obtainable at the Work-Source Center, 1300 Sylvan Way, Bremerton.
- If married, marriage certificate, and birth certificate or adoption papers of dependent children.
- Income verification that demonstrates need of assistance (pay stubs, tax return, unemployment check stubs, etc.)
- Rental assistance requests: Copy of rental agreement/lease, plus written document such as late rent notice or eminent eviction. Handwritten notes are not acceptable. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how they are going to pay future rent.