

Working Together in Indian Country

Seattle VA Regional Office

You are here

We are here
to help you
find your way



Understanding Warriors and Veterans

"In life there is sadness as well as joy, losing as well as winning, falling as well as standing, hunger as well as plenty, badness as well as goodness. The weakest step toward the top of the hill, toward sunrise, toward hope, is stronger than the fiercest storm. Keep going."

Joseph M. Marshall III

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Healing Begins at Home

When Warriors come home, look out for . . .

- Social isolation
- Confusion, poor concentration, or lack of focus
- PTSD, anger, depression, and substance abuse
- Diabetes, high blood pressure, Parkinson's Disease
- Soft-tissue, lung and prostate cancers
- Back, shoulder, neck and knee problems

Working Together in Indian Country

- 25-year collaboration through the Joint American Indian Veteran Advisory Council (JAIVAC).
- Fellowship, training, and mentoring through the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI).
- Annual Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) training (July 2017) sponsored by WDVA and Suquamish tribe
- TVR Accreditation / Access to on-line tools

Working Together in Indian Country

- Direct outreach to Indian Country through Mobile Medical Unit and Blind Rehabilitation
- Traditional healing from trauma at Camp Chaparral sponsored by the Yakama nation
- Training to Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services and Indian Health Service
- Medical cost sharing agreements with VHA

Types of Benefits Administered by VBA

- Service-connected compensation and non service-connected pension
- Survivor's Benefits (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension, and grief counseling.)
- Education Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Home Loans
- Life Insurance
- Burial Benefits

Additional Benefits Available to Warriors

- Preference in federal hiring
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Unemployment Insurance (if actively seeking work)
- Military retirement, medical severance and separation pay
- State programs including tuition assistance, emergency funds, PTSD and grief counseling, soldier's homes and elder care, license plates, hunting and fishing licenses, park passes, and more

How to Apply for Benefits

- Contact a Tribal Veterans Representative (TVR)
- Apply Online through [Explore.VA.gov](https://www.explore.va.gov)
- Download and mail a Standard Form
- Speak to us in person

The Future of VBA: eBenefits

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