

# HONORING OUR BRAVE VETERANS



2020

# Salute to Veterans

## A guide to local Memorials and Markers

### Bay City (2)

- Plaque/Native Boulder with POW/MIA Flag on the flagpole; Dedicated December 16, 2003; Located Marion Barr Library
- Vietnam Memorial; Dedicated July 4, 1992; Located Campsite between Bay City and Tillamook east of Hwy 101

### Cloverdale (1)

- Plaque; Located Nestucca Valley

Cemetery off Highway 101

- Plaque; Located west of bridge off Highway 101 in Cloverdale, directly across from the High School digital sign

### Garibaldi (1)

- Coast Guard Boat Memorial; Dedicated - Unknown; Located near the marina off South 7th Street to Coast Guard Way just north of the Coast Guard facility.

### Hebo (1)

- Mt. Hebo Memorial Plaque; Dedicated 1987; Former Mt. Hebo Air Force Station

### Nehalem (3)

- Nehalem Bay Veterans Memorial; Dedicated May 21, 1989; Located Nehalem Bay Cemetery; [http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM13M9\\_Nehalem\\_Bay\\_Veterans\\_Memorial](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM13M9_Nehalem_Bay_Veterans_Memorial)

- Plaque (All Veterans); Dedicated - 1994; Dennis D. Schnoor Veterans Memorial Park located near the northwest entry to Nehalem Bridge
- Plaque/Flagpole (Veterans of All Wars); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Cemetery between Nehalem and Manzanita, Highway 101

### Tillamook (6)

- Plaque (Tilla-

mook County Veterans Korean and Vietnam); Dedicated - Unknown; Located US Post Office, 2200 First Street

- Plaque (All Wars); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Courthouse, 201 Laurel Ave.
- Plaque (Country's Dead); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Odd Fellows Cemetery, across from the County Fairgrounds, 4603 E 3rd Street
- Giant Flag; Dedicated - Unknown;

Located next to Werner's Meats on East 3rd Street across from Goodspeed Park

- The Tillamook Air Museum (War-time Memorabilia); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Highway 101 just south of Tillamook
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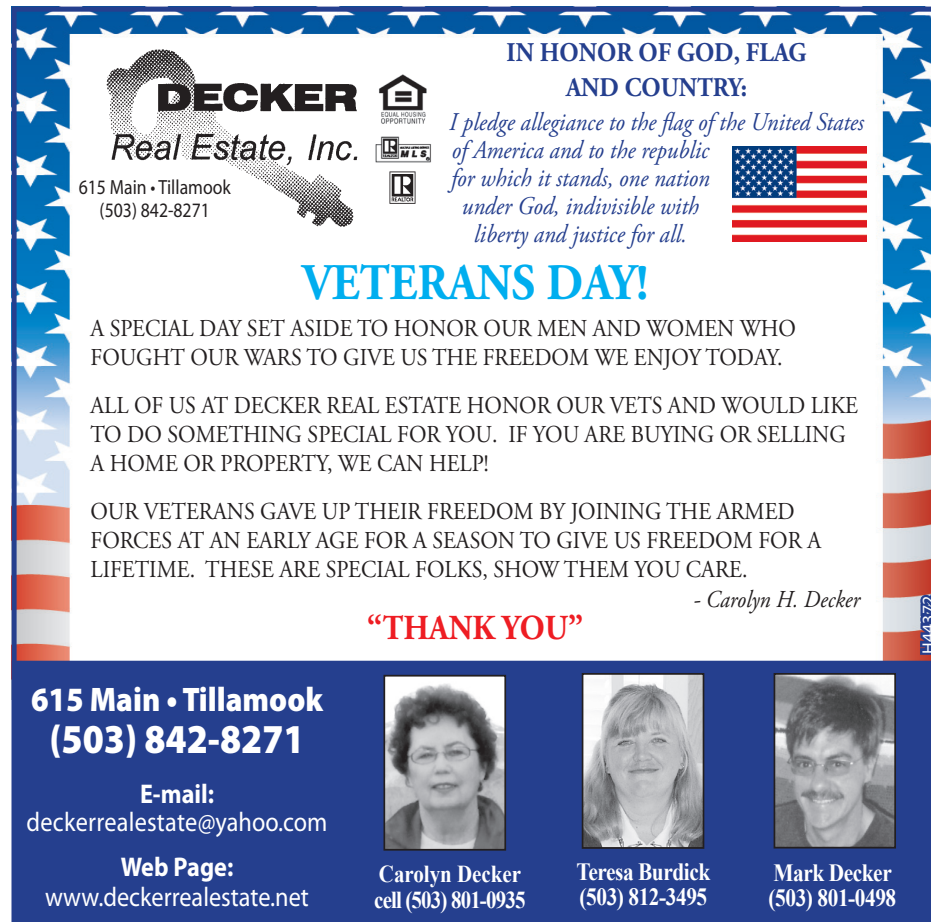
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## Q&A with Prestige Senior Living Five Rivers vet Pat Dorondo

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and service.

### Which branch of the military did you serve in?

**Pat:** I served in the Army and was actually not drafted. I chose to join the Army to serve and honor my country. I also needed to make my car payment each month.

### Where were you stationed?

**Pat:** I was stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for basic training and my unit was in Albany, Oregon. I was in the 1249th Combat Engineer Regiment.

### What was your most memorable experience while serving?

**Pat:** My most memorable experience would have to be being a Sergeant and getting to boss everyone



Pat Dorondo on left. Courtesy photo around.

### How did your service and experiences in the Army shape your life?

**Pat:** The biggest thing being in the army taught me was to honor other veterans. I enjoyed my time serving and think it is very important for others to serve when they

### What did you do as a career after your service?

**Pat:** After serving in the Army, I became a welder. I welded for 40 years and was a welder at three major companies throughout my career.



Sergeant Pat Dorondo

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Pat Dorondo. Courtesy photo

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## History of Veteran's Day

Service members make numerous sacrifices in defense of their countries. While the debts to service members may never be the kind that can be repaid in full, paying tribute to veterans, on Veteran's Day and throughout the year, can be a great way to show them just how much their efforts are appreciated.

### Veteran's Day begins with Armistice Day

Veteran's Day is a byproduct of the end of World War I, when Germany and the Allied Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ceasing fighting and establishing terms of peace. On November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the treaty, the first Armistice Day events were held. Armistice Day was initially a legal holiday to honor the end of World War I only, states History.com. The United States Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday starting in 1938. However, in 1954, after the country had been embroiled in both World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by renaming the

commemoration "Veteran's Day" to honor veterans of all wars.

### Veteran's Day in October?

According to Military.com, for a short time, thanks to the Uniform Holiday Bill, which in 1968 established three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating national holidays on Mondays, Veteran's Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October — the first being October 25, 1971. However, many people did not agree with this decision, continuing to honor the holiday on the original date. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a new law that returned Veteran's Day to November 11 beginning in 1978. Since then, parades, memorial events, volunteer efforts, and other celebrations revolving around veterans have been held on November 11.

### Veterans around the world

Many countries, including the United States, celebrate veterans on or near November 11. America's

closest neighbor to the north, Canada, commemorates veterans on Remembrance Day (also November 11), as does the United Kingdom. Britain also has Remembrance Sunday, which is the second Sunday of November. Remembrance Day also is called Poppy Day, when people of the Commonwealth member states wear a red poppy flower in honor of military members who have died in the line of duty.

### Paying tribute

There are various ways to honor veterans on Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day. Federal government closings, educational efforts in schools, parades, and visits to military hospitals or cemeteries may take place. In Europe, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Veteran's Day and its sister holidays mark the honoring of veterans of all wars, with a particular focus on living veterans. It is a day to celebrate the dedication and selflessness of hardworking military men and women.

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## Meet Nicholas Torres, the new Veterans Service Officer for Tillamook County

My name is Nicholas Torres and I am the new Veterans Services Officer for Tillamook County.

I grew up in North Western Pennsylvania and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of nineteen. I served eight years as an Infantryman. I deployed to Afghanistan in 2009-2010 and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Two Army Commendation Medals, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

After leaving the Army in 2014 I worked in the lumber mill industry while pursuing my business degree at Oregon

State University. I have been working as a Veterans Services Coordinator for seven months under William Hatton.

As the Tillamook County Veterans Services Officer, I look forward to working with local Veterans, social service organizations, the VFW, and the community. Please feel free to contact us at 503-842-4358. We are scheduling veterans for appointments a day in advance. If a veteran or dependent is unable to travel, we will travel to them. It is an honor to serve the Veterans of Tillamook County.



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## Greiner's Naval experience helps him as a Tillamook County Deputy

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Dennis Greiner's four plus year stint in the Navy did him more good than he realized at the time. He met his wife, Lisa while in the Navy and also learned

skills he would take into civilian life. He says he uses what he learned in the Navy while performing his everyday job as a Marine Deputy with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Dept.

"I'm very blessed," Greiner said. "I work in

a great department, with very professional officers, who really care about serving Tillamook County."

Greiner grew up in Connecticut and after he graduated High School he enlisted in the Navy. He attended Boot Camp in Great Lakes Ill. and went to school in Pensacola FL eventually being assigned to a couple of different Craft Test Squadrons. Two years working with fixed wing air craft and another two years working with rotary wing, or helicopters.

Eventually he was assigned to a Naval Station in San Diego, that's where he met his wife Lisa. He was also assigned to an HCH Squad Detachment 15 overseeing an air taxi off the USS Coronado that carried the Fleet Admiral.

After his service, he joined the Naval National Guard and worked about a year with H60 helicopters. After the service and national guard duties, Greiner moved back to the East Coast. He used his mechani-

cal skills working in the heating and air conditioning business. He missed the West Coast so he moved back to San Diego and became a boat mechanic for a spell, but the aviation business proved to be more lucrative. So he took a job at the San Diego air port and worked in air craft repair.

He then decided to go back to school, using the G.I. Bill, he attended Miramar College in San Diego and studied Fire Protection Technology and also Administration of Justice earning associates degrees in both courses.

After working another stint as an aviation mechanic, Lisa and Dennis decided to move to Oregon.

"We were slaves to our jobs," he said. "We needed a change." They landed in Portland in 2011 and Dennis worked as a Boeing contractor in quality assurance. In 2014 the couple moved to Tillamook when Dennis took a job with the Tillamook Police Department.



"I worked at TPD for three-plus years," he said. "The opportunity came up to go to the Sheriff's office so I took the position." First he said he worked the road for a while, but when a job came open in as the Marine Deputy, Greiner jumped at the opportunity. "I was able to put all of my prior experience in the Navy and the safety

side of things to work for me, it's a great fit, I love my job."

When not patrolling Tillamook County's waterways, Dennis still enjoys getting his hands dirty.

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## Maynard's service in the Air Force opened a lifetime of opportunities



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Timothy Maynard served our country proudly in the Air Force from 1974-1978. He says his time in the service, the things he learned and people he met during those four years in the mid 70s, would help in his success for the rest of his life.

"They say 'don't volunteer for anything when

in the service, at least that's what most said," Maynard lamented. "Well, I did the opposite, I volunteered for everything, which ended up being very good for me."

Maynard, now 66, and he and his wife Deborah, split time living between Tillamook and Alaska, but the couple stay very active working with Civil Air Patrols in Oregon and Alaska, flying planes and scuba diving whenever they

get a chance.

Maynard's first assignment after attending his speciality training was with the 603rd Military Airlift Support Squadron out of Massachusetts. He worked in the Electronic Systems Division out of Hanscom Air Force Base.

"The Vietnam War was winding down," he said. "Our group participated in the final retrieval of the assets in Vietnam." Maynard's main job

was working as a computer operator, his first two years stationed in Japan and the last two years at Hanscom AFB.

"Sometimes the things you do lead you to other things," he said.

When he got out of the military, Maynard stuck around Massachusetts and accelerated two years of college credits in about a year-and-a-half. He said he taught swimming and first aid while working to get his private pilot license, which he did in 1978. When he wasn't teaching swimming in the summer, he was on

the ski slopes working as a Pro Ski Patrol in the winter.

In 1981 he went back to college to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and earned a bachelors degree in Aviation Management. After that, he moved to Alaska and worked for the FAA as an air traffic controller. Later, he went to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service As A Deputy Safety Manager.

In 1988 he went to work for the Army and Navy, back into the safety side.

"I oversaw the move-

ment and storage of explosives on the West Coast," he said. "I also worked on the construction and safety of the Walter Read National Military Medical Center, and worked in anti trafficking of drugs, people and weapons in Honduras."

Today, Timothy still loves to fly planes, fish, volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol and when he can get to the Caribbean, he and Deborah love to scuba dive in the warm waters and take underwater photos.



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### Jolly follows family footsteps in the Marine Corps

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Kevin Jolly comes from a long line of Marines, his father and brother were both Marines, so when he graduated from Neah-Kah-Nie High School and decided to join the service, he was destined to service as a Marine. He also served for 17-years in the Army National Guard later in his military career.

Jolly says he went right in the service after he graduated high school. After a short stint at MCRD in San Diego, he was shipped off to school in Meridian Mississippi for three months.

After he received his training, Jolly was shipped to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina assigned to Squadron 231 as a Aviation Supply Clerk. He spent three years

there and the last year of his service in the Marines was in Japan. There he was promoted to Corporal E4 rank.

When he finished his four year stint in the Marines, Jolly moved to Portland and took a job driving truck for a window company. After two years of civilian life, Jolly missed being in uniform and he joined the Army National Guard. In this capacity,

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Kevin Jolly today. Photo by Joe Warren

## Jolly

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he says he was a combat engineer dealing with explosives.

In 1990 he went to work for U.S. Bank and

in 1997 he moved back to Tillamook after getting enough of the big city life.

Locally he worked at McRae an Sons in Bay City a job he would do until 2016.

"A job opened up at Tillamook County and I

was fortunate enough to go to work for the county as the facilities supervisor," he said. A job he still has today.

Jolly lives with his wife Robyn and he has a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Burntett.

Today he enjoys, as

he says, hiking with a gun, but mostly he spends his spare time working on house projects.

"I've slowed down a lot," he joked. "I used to have to be on the go all the time, but I'm slowing down a bit now."

## G.I. Bill post 9/11

When soldiers returned home from World War II, many worried about what such a rapid influx of veterans would do to the country.

Some feared that all of the unemployed men would create another Great Depression. To meet the demands of returning veterans, Congress

passed what is commonly called the GI Bill or Rights, which included the right to an education and the guarantee of loans to own homes, two things

that were out of reach for most Americans at the time. In 2008, the bill was amended to increase the

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## G.I. Bill

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benefits to those who served post 9/11. Officially called the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the bill contains many benefits for veterans and their families.

For veterans who have steady jobs to return to or who have trouble readjusting to civilian life, the benefit has been extended from 10 years to 15 years, allowing those who experience life changes during that time to still access their educational benefits. The benefits cover 36 months of higher education, and

the specific dollar amount changes depending on the location of the veteran and the institution. Rates are based on in-state tuition for the most expensive public in-state school. In addition to these provisions, many states have passed laws that allow veterans to attend higher education institutions and pay in-state tuition, regardless where they live.

The law also applies to more prestigious, private institutions, if those institutions are willing to split the costs with the federal government, opening up new programs and opportunities for veterans. Previously, veterans had to cover the costs of books, supplies and college fees,

which became a hardship with the rising costs of textbooks and fees. In the new bill, those costs are covered up to \$1,000 per year. A housing stipend is also provided in the new bill. This stipend changes depending on the cost of living, but the housing rate is based on the idea that the veteran will have dependents to take care of.

When most people think of college, they think of the four-year bachelor's degree. While many still pursue that degree, the GI Bill can also be used to pay for certificate programs in welding or one of the many developing medical fields. The law also covers the cost of a licensing or certification test, which

can often be quite expensive. Community colleges have seen a significant rise in the enrollment of veterans because of these benefits.

Because of the foresight of lawmakers, veterans are now access-

ing higher education at an unprecedented rate. Much of the law is based on where a veteran lives, so applicants will need to work with their local Veteran's Administration office to determine what specif-

ic benefits are available to them. The 9/11 GI Bill provides significant support for veterans to achieve their academic goal, up to 15 years after they have completed service.



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## Al Fisher's European tour in Air Force shaped his life

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Al Fisher didn't realize it at the time, but his time in the Air Force and time he spent in Europe, would shape the rest of his life.

Al spend four years serving his country in the Air Force as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator. He also met the women he would marry while serving in Europe, so his time in the service

would set the tone for years to come.

Fisher was born and raised in Tillamook, he graduated from Tillamook High School in 1967, about the time the Vietnam conflict was really heating up. His parents, Allen and Helene Fisher, owned and operated the Fisher Brother's Furniture Store in Tillamook, but Al had no desire to take over the family business. So it was off to the military.

"I joined the ser-

vice right after high school and served from 1967 to 1971 all over Europe," Al said. "The military was a good thing for me, because at the time I had a lot of growing up to do and the military is good for that, everyone should spend a stint in the service, it really set a foundation for me for my next step."

After Al enlisted, he was shipped off to basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. His first assignment, he

spent eight months at the Boron Radar Site in the Mojave Desert. He was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator.

After his time at Boron, Fisher was assigned to the 5th Aerial-Port Squadron and sent to the RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk England, again as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator.

It was the next three-and-a-half years

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Al Fisher after basic training (left) stands with Howard Kalk, one of his buddies, in front of one of the big trucks Al worked with during his time in the Air Force.

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## Honoring all heroes this Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day, which is celebrated annually on November 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to defend the country's core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veteran's Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installations, it also can be a chance to recognize the unsung heroes of

wartime — those who step into roles so that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and

served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of the era, known as "Rosie the Riveter." Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the

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in Europe that would shape Al's life forever. He met a young nurse named Carol who was

serving in the Royal Air Force. Al proposed to Carol and in 1971 the couple married. They have been married for 48 years and have two children, a son named Andrew and a daughter named Vicki, both grown now.

That's not all Al did in Europe. Fisher recalls that over the next three plus years, he would travel all around Europe, eight countries in all, supporting NATO exercises over the Mediterranean Sea flying in a C130 Cargo planes, driving truck and still operating heavy equipment.

When the Fishers returned to Tillamook with his new British wife, he said he went right to work for various jobs. He worked in the mills, hauled cedar, drove truck then in 1976 he started his own

business. Al opened a storage business where he kept a large welding and repair shop. He operated the business for 40 years selling it in 2016.

"I'm retired now," Al says. "I love to play golf and work on my property."

As Al looks back, he says he believes that joining the service was one of the best decisions he every made. He says he grew up, learned skills he would use all his life, and met his wife.

"My time in the service was very rewarding," Al added. "I don't know what would have happened if I didn't spend those four years in the service. I believe in the draft, every young person should experience the service."

Al will turn 70 year's old in January. He and

his wife Carol enjoy spending time with their children, traveling to car shows and

spending time in Arizona in the winter where Al gets to work on his golf game.



Al Fisher is now retired and living in Tillamook with his wife Carol.

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## Heroes

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age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the contributions of female war employees who were defending America by working on the homefront. Rosie was a successful morale-booster, and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a female

riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of "Mein Kampf" — and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called "Rosie the Riveter" by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb — Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell's Post cover.

Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the

inspiration for an ad created by a lesser known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a "We Can Do It!" poster for Westinghouse Electric in 1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company's workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller's and Rockwell's depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture.

Rockwell's cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller's version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veteran's Day is a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America's reputation as a great nation.



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## The roles of the different branches of the U.S. military

The United States military is one of the most comprehensive, effective and respected armed forces in the world. Without the tireless commitment of military personnel — from the soldiers on the ground to the support staff behind the scenes — America could not be the world power it is today.

Each branch of the U.S. military has a unique mission, and here is a brief rundown of what those mis-

sions entail, courtesy of Military.com and the U.S. Department of Defense.

### United States Army

The Army is one of the three military departments that reports directly to the Department of Defense. The Army conducts operational and institutional missions around the world, typically handling land-based missions. The Army also guards U.S. installations and properties throughout the world.

### United States Navy

Serving to protect the freedom of the seas, the Navy is another branch of the military that reports directly to the Department of Defense. Among its many missions, the U.S. Navy serves to make the seas safe for travel and trade.

### United States Air Force

The Air Force also reports directly to the Department of De-

fense and trains for and maintains global superiority in air, space and cyberspace. Air Force personnel fly planes, helicopters and even satellites.

### United States Marine Corps

The Marine Corps is a component of the Department of the Navy. It carries out global missions on both sea and shore and serves as an expeditionary force. Marines are a rapid-reaction team and are usually the first boots on the ground in a conflict.

### United States Coast Guard

The Coast Guard

safeguards maritime interests through both civil and military missions. The Coast Guard operates around the world and in domestic waterways and ports.

### United States Army National Guard

The oldest branch of the U.S. military, the National Guard serves as a complementary force to active duty. Those in the National Guard are trained to be versatile, providing for humanitarian aid, domestic emergencies, combat missions, and homeland security operations.

The Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army Reserve,

Coast Guard Reserve, and Navy Reserve are the other branches made up of servicemen and servicewomen who primarily work civilian jobs but may be called to full-time military duty if necessary.

The U.S. Armed Forces are headed by the President of the United States. The Secretary of the Department of Defense reports directly to the Commander-in-Chief. The DOD controls each military branch, except for the Coast Guard, which is overseen by the Department of Homeland Security.

Learn more about the U.S. military at [dod.defense.gov](http://dod.defense.gov).

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**IF THE OFFICE IS CLOSED PLEASE CALL (503-842-4358) TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS YOUR QUESTION, CONCERN OR NEED.**



### Our Mission

The Tillamook County Veterans' Service Office assists Tillamook County residents who are U.S. Military veterans in preparing compensation claims, accessing social services, health care benefits and pension benefits that may be available to the veteran from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs and other governmental agencies.

### LOW INCOME SERVICES

#### Pension

VA assists Wartime veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension Benefit. This is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to Veterans at or below the poverty level.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Wartime Service
- Age 65 or older with limited or no income, OR
- A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, OR
- Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, OR
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income.

In addition to Pension you can also receive:

- Healthcare
  - Aid & Attendance- Veterans and survivors who require the aid and attendance of another person, or are housebound, may be eligible for additional monetary payment. These benefits are paid in addition to monthly pension.
- <https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/index.asp>

### VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

If you are a veteran and served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 or served within 12 nautical miles in the territorial sea of the Republic of Vietnam, also known as Blue Water Navy sailor, you may qualify for disability compensation and medical care.

*Were you injured during your service? Have you been diagnosed with one of the following conditions?*

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2, Ischemic Heart Disease, Prostate Cancer, Lung Cancer, Hodgkin's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Myeloma and Soft Tissue Sarcomas. (Please ask our office for a full list of conditions.)

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WHAT does this mean? VA and federal law presumes that certain diseases are a result of exposure to Agent Orange. This "presumptive policy" simplifies the process for receiving compensation for these diseases and can lead to a monthly non-taxable compensation and enrollment in the VA health care system. <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/>

### OEF/OIF/OND VETERANS

**How do you find the help you need?**

#### VA Transition & Care Management Teams

Every VA Medical Center has a Team ready to welcome Post 9/11 Veterans and help coordinate care. Case Managers, who are nurses or social workers, coordinate patient care activities and help navigate your way through the VA system. [www.oefoif.va.gov](http://www.oefoif.va.gov)

A Transition Patient Advocate (TPA) acts as a personal advocate as you move throughout the VA healthcare system. To contact the TPA Team, call **503-273-5075 OR 800-949-1004 ext. 53062**

### LOCAL SUPPORT

#### Vet Center - Local Support Group

The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to wartime veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. The Vet Center Program was established by congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era vets were still experiencing readjustment problems. Contact the Portland Vet Center for a local support referral, **(503) 688-5361 or 877-927-8387** for after-hours assistance or general info. [www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)

#### CARE, Inc.

Non-profit social service agency

CARE provides a variety of services including placement into housing with case management, basic needs support, energy assistance, home visitation for families with infants, and senior and disabled assisted living. CARE is also the county agency that helps coordinate services for veterans experiencing homelessness. **(503) 842-5261**

#### Faith in Action

*Faith in Action* offers assistance and support to the frail and elderly and people of all ages who suffer from chronic illness, mental illness or disabilities through in-home volunteer services and through Wellspring, an adult respite day care center. **Volunteer services include:** Local transportation, in-home respite care, friendly visiting, yard work and minor home repairs. **(503) 815-2272**

#### DAV Van Transportation

Transportation to Medical appointments can be scheduled with the DAV Transportation Network. Call 4 business days before appointment **1-800-949-1004, Extension 57804**. Meet DAV

Van at Tillamook Transportation Park and Ride. Call Dial a Ride, **(503) 815-8283**, tell them you are a veteran and need to catch the DAV Van. You will get a discount and they will deliver you in time to meet the 7:30am departure time. Volunteers are needed to drive the DAV. Call us for more information. **503-842-4358**  
**\*\* Due to the VA's COVID-19 pandemic policy, the DAV van is not transporting veterans to their VA medical appointments until further notice.**

### FEDERAL VA SUPPORT

#### VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

<https://www.va.gov/health/>

#### Health Care & Disabilities

Health Care, Dental & Non-Combat Conditions Prosthetics and Sensory Aids

Portland VA Medical Center  
(503) 220-8262 OR 800-949-1004

#### VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

<https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

#### Education

GI Bill & School Search Resources

#### Employment

Career Resources, Job Search & VA Careers Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

#### Women Veterans

Veteran Services & Women's Health [www.va.gov/womenvet/](http://www.va.gov/womenvet/)

#### Housing

Home Loans & Housing Assistance

#### Transition to Civilian Life

Locate a Vet Center, Stress & Mental Health Programs and

Substance Abuse Programs

#### Monetary Benefits

Compensation & Pension and Life Insurance

#### How to request your military service records?

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Order online at: <https://www.archives.gov> or come into our office and we will help you fill out a SF-180 and send a request to National Archives.

DD-214 Copy Only: if you recorded your DD-214 with the County Clerk after separation they can help you. (503-842-3402)

### OREGON VETERANS' HOMES

#### The Dalles & Lebanon

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### CONTACT US

You can reach our office at **(503) 842-4358** & our FAX number is **(503) 842-2174**. Call to make an appointment with us.

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