Military Affiliated Resource List (Off Campus)

Off Campus Resources

- <u>US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)</u>
 - Mission Statement
 - To fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.
- American legion (Post #2)

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North American Black Vets (NABVETS)

On an ongoing basis, the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. will provide strategic advocacy on behalf of its membership with Congress, the Federal Administration, State Administrations and other agencies and organizations. NABVETS will provide personal advocacy on behalf of veterans seeking claims against the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; advocacy for youth in all matters required for successful passage into adulthood; advocacy on behalf of families; with community involvement, provide advocacy in creating positive lifestyles for veterans; and to generate and preserve the historical record.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

 To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)

 The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs helps connect veterans and their family members to the benefits and services they earned through their military service.

Pierce County Veterans Bureau

The Veterans Bureau administers the Veterans' Assistance Fund as mandated by State Law to
provide emergency relief to indigent veterans residing in Pierce County. The purpose of the
Veteran's Assistance Fund is to provide emergency assistance to qualified veterans in need. It is
funded by Pierce County using property tax dollars.

<u>Tacoma Vet Center</u>

O Veterans Readjustment Counseling Services.

Work of Honor

 Work of Honor is a community of Veterans, Military Spouses and Business Professionals committed to combining best in class business and military operational strategies to enhance the economic strength and competitiveness of our nation.

Tacoma Chamber of Commerce

 The Chamber facilitates communication between the civilian business community & defense installations that affect our entire region, creating collaboration between Washington State organizations & agencies.

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Association of the United States Army

 (AUSA) AUSA is the U.S. Army's professional association, the voice for the Army on Capitol Hill, and offers support for soldiers and their families.

• Air Force Association McChord Chapter

 (AFA) is an independent, 501 non-profit, professional military and aerospace education association that promotes American aerospace power. It is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

Association of the United States Navy

 (AUSN) is the premier voice for America's Sailors and Navy families. Our mission is to support the Navy through advocacy to Navy leadership, industry leaders and Congress. AUSN has a distinguished reputation as an honest broker in the discussion of Navy requirements and programs with key stakeholders including the Navy, Congress, industry leaders, members and fellow veteran/military service organizations.

• USO Pathfinder (Formerly Rally Point 6)

 USO Pathfinder Transition Services offer personalized support to help you and your family create a plan for life after military service.

Camo to Commerce

 Camo2Commerce is all about providing opportunities for career development and jobs to service members transitioning out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord into civilian life in western Washington. We offer a number of customized services to transitioning service members, including one-on-one career coaching, job placement services, short-term training, hiring fairs and more.

Boots to Shoes

 The Boots to Shoes mission is to augment veterans support services for 21st century Veterans' successful transition into civilian jobs. It serves as an example for going forward by giving back.

• Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specific a combat decoration. The organization now known as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart," was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients, it is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of "combat" veterans.

American Lake VA

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With a reputation for excellence, innovation and extraordinary care of our Nation's heroes, VA Puget Sound strives to lead the nation in terms of quality, efficiency and public service through its proven record of innovation and extraordinary care of Veterans. As the primary referral site for VA's northwest region, VA Puget Sound provides care for Veteran populations encompassing Alaska, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

• Gold Star Mothers

 American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is a private nonprofit organization of American mothers who lost sons or daughters in service of the United States Armed Forces.

eBenefits

is a web portal managed jointly by the United States Department of Veterans
 Affairs (VA) and the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to provide
 Service members, Veterans and eligible dependents the ability to manage their
 VA and DoD benefits, claims, and military documents online.