



# Newsletter

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## Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this latest Lake Stevens Veterans Commission (LSVC) newsletter.

Formed in 2017, the Veterans Commission is intended to educate the community on veterans' rights and needs, to recognize veteran's contributions to the community and stimulate awareness of their potential, to review, identify, and expand services available to veterans, and to promote collaboration between service providers, employers, and veterans.

In order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, we continue to incorporate the latest guidance from the Governor's Office, the Department of Health, Snohomish County, and the City of Lake Stevens in our planning efforts. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support.



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## Veterans Commission Adopts Route 204 Highway

On Saturday, August 21, Veteran Commission members and friends took part in our first Roadside Cleanup activity on the section of Route 204 west of Market Place. This activity was part of the Washington State Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway program.



The event started with a brief meeting to review safety items and discuss expectations for the day. Next, we set up work signs and orange cones to alert drivers of the work area and then the fun began. And, yes, there was a fair amount of trash talk!

As was to be expected, the area was ripe for cleanup. We filled our allocation of trash bags within the first ¼ mile of roadway. Along the way we discovered many of the usual suspects -- lots (and lots) of trash, construction debris, a few tires, more than a few face masks, and even a cargo carrier.



The day also included some surprises. Buried



among the trash, one of our crew found a \$100 bill and, contrary to initial thoughts, the money was genuine! What an apt reward for the selfless act of volunteerism. Finally, much to our delight, we found out that some generous citizen claimed the cargo carrier before DOT could collect the trash. Reuse and recycling in action!

We plan to hold cleanup activities along Rt. 204 roughly every three months. Contact us at [veterans@lakestevenswa.gov](mailto:veterans@lakestevenswa.gov) if you would like to get involved.



**Join us next time.**

Who knows, it might be your lucky day.



## Monthly Coffee Klatch

Join us from **8:00-10:00 am** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each **month** for coffee and conversation.

This is an opportunity for informal networking with other veterans in the community, to let us know what we are doing well and where we need to improve, or to just stop by and chat. **All Lake Stevens active service members, veterans, and their families are welcome.**

The July-September Coffee Klatch events were held in-person. While we hope this can continue without interruption, a decision will be made prior to each event based on the latest health and safety guidance from State, County, and City officials.



The July event was our first in-person gathering! A small but dedicated group met at The Mill in Downtown Lake Stevens.

*The Veterans Commission wants to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for helping to make this event possible:*

- *Buzz Inn*
- *Starbucks in Frontier Village*
- *Biscuit and Bean*



## Q4 Coffee Klatch Dates



The August event was held outdoors behind The Mill, at the Lake Stevens Veterans Memorial site. There was plenty of good weather and good conversation.

September's event was held at the Buzz Inn. While we didn't capture any photos, a good time was had by all in attendance.

October's event will be held at the Buzz Inn. Due to the Covid-19 Delta variant's spread and associated increases in infection and hospitalization rates, please *check the Lake Stevens City Calendar prior to each event for the most up to date information.*



**Bring your own mug or  
use one of ours!**

# *Veteran Owned*



## *Business Recognition Awards*

*One of the Commission's goals is to identify and recognize the contributions of Veteran-owned and Veteran-friendly businesses operating within Lake Stevens and the surrounding communities.*

### **2021 Recognition Awards**

**Dr. Jason Steinhubel, All Smiles Dentistry, Owner.** Dr. Jason served as a Dentist in the Air Force prior to moving to the area with his wife, Michelle, and starting a practice in Lake Stevens.

**Dr. Michelle Steinhubel, All Smiles Northwest, Owner.** Dr. Michelle, also served as a Dentist in the Air Force prior starting a practice serving Lake Stevens and surrounding communities.

**Scott & Laura Baggett, Scott's Turf and Tree LLC, Owners.** Scott is a Washington native who served in the Navy as a photographer, stationed in Spain. Wife Laura is a Marine Corp Veteran. Scott and Laura moved to the area over 20 years ago prior to starting Scott's Turf and Tree LLC.

**Karmin Pincus, PCS Everett Real Estate, Owner.** Karmin is a Wisconsin native and an Air Force Veteran. Karmin moved to Lake Stevens as part of her service and prior to starting a company focused on the relocation needs of current and former military members.

**Kim Daughtry, Rehabber Extraordinaire, Owner.** Kim is a Washington native who served 25 years in the Navy prior to moving to Lake Stevens and starting a home restoration and rehabilitation specialist company.



***Do you know of other Veteran-owned or Veteran-friendly Lake Stevens businesses?***

If so, please contact us at [veterans@lakestevenswa.gov](mailto:veterans@lakestevenswa.gov).

**Marcus Tageant, Task Properties, Inc. / Impact Property Management, Owner.** Marcus is a Lake Stevens native and Marine Corp Veteran who served in the Persian Gulf War prior to starting his Lake Stevens' based Real Estate and Property Management companies.

### **2019 Recognition Awards**

**Jason Parzyk, Lake Stevens Brewing Company, Co-owner.** Jason is a Lake Stevens Veteran who served in the Navy as an Aviation electrician prior to starting the first brewery in the city.

**Thomas Flinders, Big O Tires, Owner.** Thomas is a Marine Veteran who served in Japan and Afghanistan as a Battalion Operations Officer prior to settling in Lake Stevens and purchasing Big O Tires in 2017.



## ***Important Military Dates***

### **October**

**Agent Orange Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Prevention Month, National Bullying Prevention Month**

- 10/6 Enduring Freedom Began (Afghanistan War) (2001)
- 10/7 Afghanistan War Began (2001)
- 10/13 US Navy Established (1775)
- 10/20 Women's Army Corps Disestablished (1978)
- 10/21 National Pets for Veterans Day
- 10/23 Grenada Campaign Began (1983)
- 10/24 United Nations Day
- 10/26 National Day of the Deployed
- 10/27 Navy Day

### **November**

**National Veterans & Military Families Month, Warrior Care Month, National Family Caregivers Month, Adoption Month, Family Literacy Month**

- 11/10 US Marine Corps Established (1775)
- 11/11 Veterans Day/WWI Armistice Signed (1918)
- 11/11 Veteran Owned Business' Anniversary
- 11/23 USCG Women Reserve (SPAR's) Established (1942)
- 11/21 Grenada Campaign Ended (1983)

### **December**

- 12/1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Established (1941)
- 12/5 Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Attacked (1941), National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 12/11 Germany and Italy Declared War on US (1941)
- 12/13 US National Guard Established (1636)
- 12/15 Official End of War in Iraq (2011), Bill of Rights Day
- 12/16 Battle of the Bulge (1944)
- 12/18 National Wreaths Across America Day
- 12/20 Space Force Established (2019)
- 12/20 Panama Campaign began (1989)
- 12/28 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant/Religious Affairs Specialist
- 12/31 Official End of WWII (1946)/Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

## ***Connecting to Other Resources***

- [Lake Stevens Veterans Foundation](#)
- Dept of Veterans Affairs - [Veterans Benefits Newsletter](#)
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#)
- [Transition Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#)
- GI Bill program to [train veterans for high-demand jobs](#)
- [Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption](#)
- [The US Military Coronavirus Resources and Information](#)
- Free Veteran activities - [Vet Tix](#)



## Upcoming Events for Veterans and their Families

### OCT - DEC 2021:

Event: ***Veterans Commission Meeting***: 7:00- 8:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at the Lake Stevens Fire District Station 82 Conference Room, 9811 Chapel Hill Rd.

*Note: Commission meetings are currently virtual via Zoom. Location changes will be posted on the [Lake Stevens website calendar](#). You can also watch the live stream or view a recording of our meetings on the [Lake Stevens You Tube Channel](#).*

Event: ***Monthly Coffee Klatch***: 8-10 AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at The Mill on Lake Stevens, 1808 Main Street or an alternate location. Join us for an informal gathering and conversation. All Lake Stevens active service members, veterans, and their families are welcome.

*Note: The Coffee Klatch event is currently held in-person. Please check the [Lake Stevens website calendar](#) for changes to the time or location of future events.*

### Job Fair for Veterans

-- Cancelled --

The Job Fair originally scheduled for Saturday, October 23 has been cancelled due to public health risks associated with the increased spread of COVID-19 in our area.



We hope to be able to reschedule this event at a future date.

### Commission Updates

#### New Officers

At our October 2021 meeting, **Kevin McLarnon** was elected to Chair the Veterans Commission, replacing **Karmin Pincus** who recently moved. **Kurt Hilt** was elected as the new Vice-Chair. The Commission thanks Ms. Pincus for her service to our community and wishes her and her family continued success.

### Get Involved

The Veterans Commission currently has a vacancy for an individual with the desire and capacity to give back to our community. [Apply here](#) if you are interested in joining.

The Veterans Commission represents the U.S. military veteran constituency in the Lake Stevens community and works to provide support and opportunities to veterans and their families within the community. Contact a Commissioner or see [the Lake Stevens Ordinances](#) for more information.

### Stay Informed

Follow the steps below to receive future Veterans Commission Newsletters as well as notification of upcoming events.

1. Scan the QR code below or go to the “[Notify Me](#)” page on the City of Lake Stevens website. 
2. Enter your email address and press the ‘Sign in’ button.
3. Scroll down to the ‘Notify Me’ section and select the email or Text Message icon next to ‘Veterans Commission Newsletter’.

You can also sign up for notifications from other City of Lake Stevens news groups on the “[Notify Me](#)” website page .

*Note: You will receive an email with instructions on how to confirm your enrollment choices.*

