



Newsletter

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Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we bring you this 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 Veterans' contributions to the community and stimulate awareness of their potential. The LSVC also has a duty to review, identify, and expand services available to Veterans, and to promote collaboration between service providers, employers, and Veterans.



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The Lake Stevens Veterans Commission's 2022 Community Survey is now open!

Take the survey and help us serve those who have served us.

The purpose of the survey is to help us better understand how we may best serve our Veteran Community as well as which types of activities are needed most. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Established in 2017, the Commission's mission is to help Military Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, Reservists and their families to thrive in our community. We also seek to tap into the deep and broad skills within the Veteran Community to continue to strengthen Lake Stevens as a great place to live for everyone.

If you are a member of our Veteran Community, we want to hear from you! Also, regardless of your military service, if you have ideas on how we can better serve those who have served us then we want to hear from you, too.

Please take the survey and share your thoughts. We look forward to your comments and ideas!

Survey QR Code:



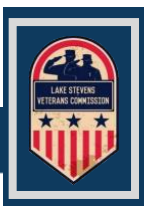
Survey Link:

<https://lsvc.link/survey>

Get Involved

The Veterans Commission currently has a vacancy for an individual with the desire and capacity to give back to our community. **Download and complete an [application form](#) 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.



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.

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.

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

If so, contact us at: Veterans@lakestevenswa.gov.



Purple Heart City Update

Purple Heart City signs, like the one below, have now been installed on Lake Stevens boundary roads. These signs are intended to serve as a visual reminder to all travelers that others have paid a high price defending the freedoms that we enjoy.



The Purple Heart was the first American service award made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America.

Lake Stevens became a Purple Heart City in 2019.

Community Resource Center

The [Lake Stevens Community Resource Center](#) continues to provide important services at their new location at 9613 20th St SE (inside Holy Cross Lutheran Church). Current programs include:

- Holiday Toy Drive on Nov. 19th from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the TARGET parking lot (See p 6).
- Strumming with George, free guitar lessons
- 24-hour emergency food pantry
- Currently working on a Community Garden located at the Resource Center (Spring Garden).

Connecting to Other Resources

- [Lake Stevens Veterans Foundation](#)
- Lake Stevens [Community Resource Center](#)
- [Bunker Labs](#) – Veteran business incubation support
- [Operation Homefront](#) – Family Support programs
- 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](#)

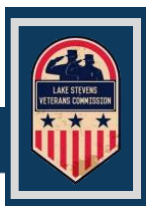
EXPLORE YOUR MUSICAL SIDE
Strumming with George

George is part of our Lake Stevens Community Resource Center team and has actively played guitar for over 50 years! This summer explore your musical side by strumming with George! These classes are completely free!

Classes are as follows:
Mondays - 9am-9:30am
9:45am-10:15am
10:30am-11am

Wednesdays- 9am-9:30am
9:45am-10:15am
10:30am-11am

Class size is limited to 2 per session
Please call to register at 360-489-4093



Important Military Dates

November

National Veterans & Military Families Month, Warrior Care Month

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

December

- 12/1 Civil Air Patrol Established (1941)
- 12/5 Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
- 12/7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 12/11 Germany and Italy Declared War on US (1941)
- 12/13 National Guard Established (1636)
- 12/15 Official End of War in Iraq (2011)
- 12/15 Bill of Rights Day
- 12/16 Battle of the Bulge (1944)
- 12/17 National Wreaths Across America Day
- 12/20 Panama Campaign began (1989)
- 12/20 Space Force Established (2019)
- 12/28 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant/Religious Affairs Specialist
- 12/31 Official End of WWII (1946)
- 12/31 Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

January

- 1/16 Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) Began (1991)
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/27 Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)
- 1/31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

Flag Notices

The Lake Stevens Flag Memorial flew at half-staff for the following:

- 10/9 - In honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service
- 9/11 - National Patriot Day, the annual memorial to the victims of the 2001 tragedy
- 9/8 to 9/19 - In honor and remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
- 8/12 - In honor of Firefighter Patterson died in the line of duty on Thursday, August 4, 2022
- 8/3 to 8/4 - In honor and remembrance of U.S. Representative Jackie Walorski from Indiana
- 7/8 to 7/10 - In honor and remembrance of former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe
- 7/5 to 7/9 - In honor and remembrance of the victims who tragically lost their lives on July 4, 2022, in Highland Park, Illinois
- 5/15 – In recognition of recognition of the annual Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 5/12 to 5/16 - In remembrance of the one million American lives lost to COVID-19



Upcoming Events for Veterans and their Families

Nov 2022 – Jan 2023:

Event: Veterans Commission Meeting: 7:00-8:30 PM on the 1st Monday of each month in the Sawyers room of The Mill at 1808 Main St, Lake Stevens.

Note: Commission meetings are currently hybrid 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 YouTube Channel](#).

Event: Holiday Toy Drive: Saturday, November 19, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Lake Stevens Target Parking Lot. Sponsored by the Volunteers of America and Lake Stevens Community Resource Center, Lake Stevens Sewer District, Snohomish Fire and Rescue, and the Lake Stevens Police Department.

Event: Holiday Meals for Military: Wednesday, November 30, 1-4 pm, Marysville. Sponsored by Operation Homefront. Check the [Operation Homefront website](#) for details.



LAKE STEVENS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Holiday Toy Drive

Saturday, November 19th
From 11:30am-1:30pm

Please come and donate new, unwrapped gifts for Lake Stevens children of all ages, 0-18 yrs. old.


Let's fill these trucks with toys!!

TARGET Parking Lot Drop Off Zone
9601 Market Pl., Lake Stevens, 98258

LAKE STEVENS SEWER DISTRICT
Volunteers of America
WESTERN WASHINGTON LAKE STEVENS YOUTH COALITION
SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE
LAKE STEVENS POLICE

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'.

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

