

VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA



City of Lake Stevens Vision Statement

*By 2030, we are a sustainable community around the lake with a vibrant economy,
unsurpassed infrastructure and exceptional quality of life.*

April 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM

REMOTE ACCESS ONLY – VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85750335947>

or call in at: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 857 5033 5947

1. **Call to Order** Mayor
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. March 7, 2022
6. **Discussion / Action Items**
 - A. Adopt a Highway (Samara & Vern)
 - B. Emergency Response Planning (Dennis)
 - C. Newsletter (Kevin & Debbie)
 - D. Coffee Klatch (Kim)
 - E. Veterans Service Office (VSO) Support (Open)
 - F. Job Fair (Kim & Dennis)
 - G. Partner Network (Kevin & Kurt)
 - H. Purple Heart City (Kevin)
 - I. Business Recognition (Kevin)
 - J. War Memorial (Vern)
7. **New Business**
8. **Upcoming Agenda Items**
9. **Adjourn**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 7, 2022

VIA Zoom – Remote Access Only

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kim Daughtry, Dennis Ives, Kevin McLarnon, Marcus Tageant, Gayle McCurdy, Debbie Welch, and Samara Heydon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kurt Hilt (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Shawn Frederick and Vern Rasmussen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

Call to Order: The meeting was called together at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to excuse the absent members. The motion passed 7-0-0-3.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from February 7, 2022:

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McLarnon, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 7-0-0-3.

Note: Commissioner Hilt arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Adopt a Highway

Commissioner Heydon stated there was no update. Commissioner McLarnon asked that this be included in the newsletter when we have an update.

Emergency Response

Commissioner Ives said there was more to come on this. He is working on recruiting and training for the CERT program.

Newsletter

Commissioner McLarnon said he is putting together the newsletter and asked the group to send him any items.

Coffee Klatch

There was no or low attendance at the last one. The next one will be March 19, 2022 at Buzz Inn Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.

VSO Update

Veterans Commission Regular Meeting February 7, 2022

Commissioner McLarnon stated that he hoped to have an update at the next meeting.

Job Fair

There is no update at this time.

Purple Heart Sigs

Commissioner McLarnon will follow up again with the City.

The next meeting date will be March 7, 2022.

Adjourn: It was moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McLarnon, to adjourn the meeting. On motion the vote carried (8-0-0-2). There being no further business, Chairman McLarnon adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

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.



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VOA Lake Stevens Community Resource Center

As you may recall, Volunteers of America Western Washington opened the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center (CRC) in January, 2021 operating out of a portion of the Lake Church at [9015 Vernon Road](#). We can all remember that period of time before vaccines and other COVID-19 medications were readily available and all but essential in-person interactions were postponed. We were surprised to learn that in spite of these restrictions, the Lake Stevens CRC fielded over 3,700 calls in 2021, providing services to over 3,000 members of our community (1,200+ households), and disbursed direct assistance totaling nearly \$2.1 million dollars. Those are pretty amazing results for their first year in service!



24-hr Food Pantry at the Lake Stevens CRC.

Center Director Tina Mandell confirmed that it's been a very busy and rewarding year and that new services – several group meetings - are now starting up. When asked about what the CRC needs most, Tina shared that “donations of any kind are always welcome, whether it's food, new clothing, volunteer service, or a monetary contribution. Grocery store gift cards can be used to meet client food and medicine needs.” You can even donate an old car if you want. All proceeds received from a sale of the vehicle will go to the Lake Stevens CRC. Anyone interested in donating can contact the CRC by phone at 425.405.2252, via [email](#), by visiting their [website](#), or by connecting with them on [facebook](#). Alternatively, cash donations can be made thru their current online [donation campaign](#):  Lake Stevens

Whether you are in need of help, looking to offer help, or just interested in becoming better informed, the Veterans Commission encourages all Lake Stevens residents to reach out to our Community Resource Center.

Bunker Labs: a program built by veteran entrepreneurs— for veteran entrepreneurs



We were recently contacted by Matt Rommel of Bunker Labs Seattle as part of their outreach to connect with veterans in Snohomish County and the North Sound. Bunker Labs is a nationwide organization that supports veteran entrepreneurs by connecting them to the right communities and resources, as well as equipping them with the right tools and knowledge to be successful.

Are you starting a business or do you know a veteran who has started or is considering starting a business?

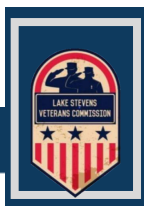
If so, you'll want to connect with the folks at Bunker Labs. Visit the [Bunker Labs Seattle](#) website to learn more about their programs, events, and team or connect with them on [facebook](#).



Get Involved

The Veterans Commission currently has **two vacancies** for individuals with the desire and capacity to give back to our community. **Download and complete an [application form](#) if you are interested in joining.** (*Instructions for returning the completed application are included.*)

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.



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

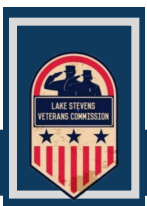
If so, please contact us at veterans@lakestevenswa.gov.

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

April

Month of the Military Child, Military Saves Month

- 4/4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 4/5 Gold Star Spouses Day
- 4/6 Army Day/US Entered WWI (1917)
- 4/9 National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- 4/11 Desert Storm Cease-fire (Persian Gulf War)(1991)
- 4/12 Civil War Began (1861)
- 4/14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 4/23 Army Reserve Birthday
- 4/25 Spanish-American War Began (1898)
- 4/30 National Military Brats Day

May

National Military Appreciation Month, Month of the Military Caregiver

- 5/1 Loyalty Day
- 5/1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 5/6 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 5/7 National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
- 5/8 V-E Day
- 5/13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 5/15 International Conscientious Objector Day
- 5/20 National Defense Transportation Day
- 5/21 Armed Forces Day
- 5/22 National Maritime Day
- 5/28 Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day
- 5/30 Memorial Day

June

PTSD Awareness Month, Homeownership Month

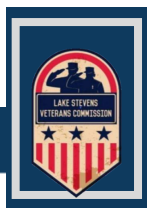
- 6/1 Don't Give Up The Ship Day
- 6/6 D-Day Invasion Anniversary
- 6/14 Flag Day,
- 6/14 Pause for the Pledge Day
- 6/14 Army Birthday
- 6/23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 6/27 PTSD Awareness Day
- 6/28 Operation Red Wings Observance

July

- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/21 Department of Veterans Administration Created
- 7/25 National Hire a Veteran Day
- 7/27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.
- 7/28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 7/29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

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

APR – JUL 2022:

Event: **Veterans Commission Meeting**: 7:00- 8:30 PM on the 1st 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 3rd Saturday of each month at The Mill on Lake Stevens, 1808 Main Street. Join us for an informal gathering and conversation. All Lake Stevens active service members, veterans, and their families are welcome.

Upcoming Coffee Klatch Dates



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.

Lake Stevens Coffee Klatch



Bring your own mug or use one of ours!

Event: **Aquafest 2022**: Aquafest is back!! July 29-31. Join in the summertime fun at this Lake Stevens tradition. Visit the [Aquafest website](#) or [facebook page](#) for event details and [volunteer opportunities](#).



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.  [Notify Me®](#)
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.

