

**COMMON GROUND  
ANNOTATED LIST  
MEMBER SERVICE PROVIDERS  
2/1/2010**

**NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**Central City Concern**

John Means and Melissa Bensink, Veterans Employment Specialists 503.226.7387  
2 NW Second Ave.

Veterans Grant and Per Diem Program (VGPD)

This transitional housing program for homeless veterans provides up to 24 months of rent free program and transitional housing. Participants work to enhance income by employment and/or disability benefits. Persons honorably discharged from the armed forces, currently homeless, alcohol and drug free and who actively participate in the program goals and agenda once they are admitted.

Employment Access Center

This program provides individuals with the tools they need to secure and retain employment. Offerings include workshops and classes, access to technology as well as one-to-one assistance. The program is open to anyone.

Central City Concern also provides treatment for addiction and services to people coming out of prison as a continuation of services they have received while incarcerated.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**

Jan Elfers 503.221.1054

None of these programs serves veterans exclusively, but veterans can be eligible for these services all of which are members of EMO.

Northeast Emergency Food Program

4800 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Jeni Broussard or John Elizalde 503.284.5470

Provides food boxes and fresh produce and bread to anyone who walks in.

HIV Services

Jay Elbrecht 503.460.3822

2941 NE Ainsworth (in basement of United Church of Christ)

The HIV Day Center is a drop in center for low income people living with HIV/AIDS. Hot breakfasts and lunches and take-home sack meals are provided four days each week. A full time social worker/counselor is available for counseling, information and referral, and help with problem solving. Day Center clients have access to phones, a mail drop, computers with internet access, wifi, washer and dryer, clothing, a shower and hygiene supplies. The Center also provides therapeutic and recreational activities. Massage, haircuts, foot care and acupuncture are provided by volunteer practitioners. Clients can

self refer. Requirements: HIV positive and income below 200% of federal poverty level. No fees. Drop in 9AM to 3 PM (M,Tu,Th, Fr).

### Shared Housing

503.225.9924 Call this number between 10 and 5 on weekdays to arrange an appointment for an interview.

Shared Housing is a matching and referral service bringing together those who need affordable housing with people who have homes and want help with rent, household chores or personal care. This exchange is beneficial to both the person seeking housing and the one offering it. Home seekers have found affordable housing at low rent or in exchange for work. Is open to anyone who can pass a criminal background check.

### Patton Home

4619 N. Michigan Ave.

Brian Cass 503.281.1844

Patton Home has now transitioned to serve a specialized drug-and-alcohol-free, low-income population in a neighborhood single-room occupancy (SRO) facility. It houses 63 low-income residents and is fully ADA complaint.

### **Military Families Speak Out**

Linda Marshall 503.617.0997 Suzi Sutherland-Martin jmartin906.aol.com

The regular monthly support group meets the first Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM at the UCC Church in Wilsonville (6750 SW Boeckman Rd.) This is a wonderful, supportive group of parents and spouses who have family members now, or recently, serving in the armed forces — many now deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. It's a place to share stories, fears and worries, but also laughter and hugs. [www.mfso-oregon.org](http://www.mfso-oregon.org)

### **Military OneSource**

Mandy Martin 971.219.9114

<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

An amazingly comprehensive resource for members of all military branches, reserves and national guard and their families. The best way to familiarize oneself with the services is offers is to visit their website.

### **Returning Veterans Project**

Pam Beaty or Belle Landau 503.933.4996

833 SE Main #122

Portland, OR 97214

[www.returningveterans.org](http://www.returningveterans.org)

Provides free and confidential counseling and other health services (including acupuncture, chiropractic, naturopathic, and massage) for veterans, families, children, couples returning from

Iraq and Afghanistan. Family members are eligible even if the vet is not being seen. Interested persons should go to the website listed above. Services are provided at the office of the volunteer provider.

### **Salvation Army (Home Front War Relief)**

Kim Nebeker 503.794.3275

Assists soldiers and their families with financial matters including rent, electricity, schooling, etc. at the rate of \$500 per deployment. Applicants must have been deployed in the Gulf conflict and provide DD214 or orders.

### **Soldiers' Angels**

Juel Sitner 503.307.1775

<http://www.soldiersangels.org/>

Attempts to meet the needs of soldiers and their families. Provides a wide range of thoughtful, individualized services including letters and packages, clothing for wounded soldiers at Landstuhl Hospital, voice activated laptops for injured soldiers, and much more.

### **Triwest**

Donna Cook 503.620.7665 Ext 22803

<http://www.triwest.com>

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a privately held, Phoenix-based corporation that contracts with the DoD to administer TRICARE in the 21-state TRICARE West Region, and is monitored by the TRICARE Management Authority, a department within the DoD. TRICARE is not an insurance plan, but rather a health care entitlement earned by our nation's military members for their service to this country. Likewise, TriWest is not an insurance company. TriWest is a contractor to the DoD that administers the TRICARE program in the 21-state West Region.

### **Veterans Bridge Fund**

Gerry Foote (peaceleaves@comcas.net) or Cyndy Flock (mflock@yahoo.com)

503.246.2325 Ext.14

Provides small grants to Iraq and Afghan war veterans who are in transition and experiencing temporary setbacks. The administrators of the fund deal directly with agencies (caseworkers) rather than the individual veterans.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Veterans Workforce, Hire Oregon Vets**

112 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

Shalimar MacKinnon 503.655.8858

Provides employment services to veterans and education to employers. Services are offered in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Yamhill, and Polk counties. Basic Qualifications include one day in the active military, naval or air service with a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable. Participants must also be at least one of the following: (a)

veterans with service-connected disabilities, (b) veterans who served on active duty in the armed forces during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, (c) veterans who have significant barriers to employment, (d) recently separated veterans (w/in 48 months of release or discharge) Current program efforts are focused on reaching out to recently separated veterans and assisting them with obtaining family wage “green jobs.” Toll Free: 877.VETHIRE; local: 503.655.8840 Non client callers may contact the Program Coordinator directly.

**Office of Commissioner Jeff Cogen**

421 SW Oak Street, Portland, OR 97204

Commissioner Cogen refers veterans to Michelle Clifton 503.988.3620 Ext. 25005 at 421 SE Oak Street, Portland, OR 97204. Multnomah County’s veteran program assists veterans, surviving spouses and their dependents in applying for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Provides information and referrals for other Veterans benefits such as burial, education and home loans. The client must be a veteran, a surviving spouse or a dependent of a veteran.

**STATE AGENCIES**

**ODVA**

Ron Kincaid in Portland 503.412.4783

Kelly Breshears (Conservatorship Program) 503.373.2392

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODVA>

Assist veterans in preparing and maneuvering claims through the VA system. Operates a home loan and home improvement loan program for veterans. Provides conservatorship for veterans declared incompetent by the court to help him or her manage financial assets.

**ONG Chaplain** (rear guard)

Dennis Stahlnecker 503.569.4264

**ONG Family Readiness Group**

Michelle Kochosky 1.877.881.5181 Donna Herr 503.557.6052

Anderson Readiness Center, Salem, OR

A statewide network of agencies which support families before, during and after deployment by providing local resources through appropriate, timely information and referrals.

**ONG Reintegration Team**

Tim Shuey (Portland) 503.421.7448

Mark Witney (Salem/Bend) 503.990.9323

Don Weber (Aloha/Tigard) 503.957.6866

Provides referrals and contacts directing veterans to agencies which would best meet their needs. Any veteran from any era is eligible for this assistance.

## **FEDERAL AGENCIES**

### **Portland VA Medical Center OEF/ OIF Program**

Darla Darville 503.220.8262 Ext. 57049

Serves the most severely injured OEF/OIF combat veterans in need of special coordination of care. Also available for OEF/OIF veterans who need help with transition to VA care. Works with veterans and their families to strengthen and ease the transition from active duty to VA's array of services. Services include referrals for financial compensation and benefits, education and vocational benefits counseling, mental health and family counseling, and transportation services.

### **Portland Vet Center**

Rebecca Kurfis 503.273.5370

8383 NE Sandy Blvd., Suite 110, Portland, OR 97220

Provides Readjustment Counseling free of charge to combat veterans and their families, and or Military Sexual Trauma Counseling, and/or Bereavement Counseling for family members of service members killed on active duty. Veteran must have served in Combat Theater (stated on a copy of thte DD214) or Veteran experience Sexual Trauma while serving on active duty.

### **Army Wounded Warriors**

Chet Garretson 209.649.4977

AW2 provides individualized advocacy to severely wounded soldiers and their families regardless of location or military status. Assists with day-to-day issues in recovery, as well as longer-term decisions, such as choosing to remain in the Army or to medically retire. Provides referrals to government agencies and private sector partners as well as personalized support, for as long as it takes. Anyone wounded since 9/11/2001 and their families is eligible for this service.

## **FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Offices of U.S. Senators provide services to anyone who is experiencing difficulties with any federal agency and who lives in Oregon. U.S. Congressmen provide support to anyone living in their districts who are experiencing difficulties with any federal agency. The contact information is for a staff member who works specifically on veterans' issues.

Office of Senator Ron Wyden

Fritz Graham 503.999.4500

Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

John Valley 503.326.3386

Office of Representative Earl Blumenauer

Congressional District 3

Elanna Schlichting 503.231.2301

Office of Congressman Wu  
Congressional District 1  
Ajah Maloney Capps 503.326.290

Office of Representative Kurt Schrader  
Congressional District 5  
J.D. Baucom 503.588.9100

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