



Winter 2014/15

## City of Auburn Veterans and Human Services Division

Thank you for subscribing to the City of Auburn’s Veterans Updates quarterly newsletter. Auburn celebrates our service members and their families and will continue to be a supporter of the military community. The quarterly newsletters will feature valuable, Veteran- focused organizations, services and programs throughout the region as well as current volunteer opportunities.

The winter quarter’s edition will feature higher education programs for Veterans, focusing on Green River Community College here in Auburn.

## Education Opportunities for Veterans

### Leading from the Front: Veteran Services at Green River

*Timm Lovitt, the Director of Veteran Services at Green River Community College, writes about their Veteran Services:*

Green River Community College (GRCC) strives to be the most veteran-supportive campus in the United States. Veterans who choose GRCC are offered credit for their prior military service, customized veteran-informed services, priority registration for classes, professional development workshops, connection to the national organization Student Veterans of America (SVA), and help accessing both on and off campus resources should a crisis arise. Learn more about what makes GRCC unique by dropping by our Veterans Resource Center, located in the Lindbloom Center (main campus), and speaking with current student veterans. Winter quarter starts January 5th!

### Upcoming Events

**4TH ANNUAL SEATTLE STAND DOWN**  
*Veteran Led, Community Driven*

DAY 1	DAY 2
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM SERVICES: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM SERVICES: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Food: Hot Lunch</li> <li>★ Employment: Workshops ★</li> <li>★ Housing Assistance ★</li> <li>★ Legal Services / Resources ★</li> <li>★ VA Benefits</li> <li>★ Downtown Shuttle Service</li> <li>★ Gear and Clothing</li> <li>★ Medical / Dental</li> <li>★ Behavioral Health</li> <li>★ Haircuts / Showers / Foot care</li> <li>★ Women-Specific Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Food: Hot Breakfast ★</li> <li>★ Employment: Interviews ★</li> <li>★ Housing Assistance ★</li> <li>★ Legal Services / Resources ★</li> <li>★ VA Benefits</li> <li>★ Downtown Shuttle Service</li> <li>★ Gear and Clothing</li> <li>★ Medical / Dental</li> <li>★ Behavioral Health</li> <li>★ Haircuts / Showers / Foot care</li> <li>★ Women-Specific Services</li> </ul>

**BRINGING YOUR DD-214 OR VA ID SPEEDS UP PROCESSING**  
*Assistance with DD-214 retrieval is available*

**MITCHELL ACTIVITY CENTER - SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE**  
1718 BROADWAY SEATTLE, WA

Seattle Central College is easily accessible by bus routes 8, 9, 10, 11, 43, 49, and 60. For more info visit: [www.theseattlestanddown.org](http://www.theseattlestanddown.org) [www.facebook.com/TheSeattleStandDown](https://www.facebook.com/TheSeattleStandDown) ★ = New Services

### Seattle Stand Down 2014

Stand Down assists homeless veterans by providing FREE services such as: food, clothing, medical, legal and mental health assistance, job connections and support.

#### December 11th and 12th

Seattle Central College  
1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122  
Visit the following site for more information:  
<http://www.theseattlestanddown.org/>

### Blankets for Hope

A collection drive hosted by the National Alliance to End Veteran Suicide. Accepts new and gently used items. Visit the following website for collection sites:  
<http://www.na2evs.org/christmas#BlanketsForHope>

For more information, contact Timm Lovitt at 253-833-9111 ext. 2559 or [tlovitt@greenriver.edu](mailto:tlovitt@greenriver.edu)

### **Other Education Opportunities for Veterans:**

#### **City University**

<http://www.cityu.edu/admissions-financialaid/military/veteran-affairs.aspx>

Veteran tuition rates, loan assistance, scholarships, etc.

#### **Highline Community College**

<http://veterans.highline.edu/>

Benefits assistance, Veteran Center, etc.

## **Looking to Volunteer?**

### **Seattle Stand Down**

Needs a variety of volunteers to help with everything from set-up to take-down. Visit this website for more information:

<http://www.theseattlestanddown.org/volunteer.html>

### **Puget Sound VA**

There are a number of different opportunities available for volunteers including helping transport individuals or providing direct care giving services. Visit this website for more information and to apply:

<http://www.pugetsound.va.gov/giving/index.asp>

### **American Red Cross**

Every year the Red Cross collects, sorts and sends Holiday Cards to Veterans, Families and Active Military Service Members. Below is the link for the Red Cross Volunteer Application.

[https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=form\\_1606](https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=form_1606)

### **Landscaping at Camp Berachah**

This summer camp is in need of people to help maintain their grounds during the off season. Visit this site for more information:

[http://www.campberachah.org/employment/volunteer\\_positions.html](http://www.campberachah.org/employment/volunteer_positions.html)

### **Communities In Schools of Auburn**

### **Holiday Mail for Heroes**

Help us spread holiday cheer and appreciation to our Active and Retired Service Members!

**December 6th, 9am-12pm**

Make or sign a card to be distributed by the Red Cross to troops domestically and overseas as well as Veterans through VFWs and the VA.

**Les Gove Multi-Purpose Building**

1040 Deal's Way SE Auburn, WA

### **Additional Resources**

**King County Veterans Program:**

206-296-7656

**Washington Department of Veterans Affairs:**

360-895-4700

**City of Auburn Veterans and Human Services**

**Division:**

253-876-1965

Needs volunteers to help in schools and their letter writing program. The following site has information about the organization and volunteer opportunities:

<http://auburn.ciswa.org/>

**United Way Free Tax Campaign**

United Way is looking for volunteers to help in the 2015 Free Tax Campaign. Volunteers will be trained to help those in need file their taxes. Visit their website for more information:

<http://www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/ongoing-campaigns/free-tax-services/tax-volunteer.html>

*Auburn values the service of our Veterans and is committed to increasing the service to our Veterans and their families throughout the region.*

For more information or suggestions please contact the Veterans and Human Services Coordinator at [esullivan@auburnwa.gov](mailto:esullivan@auburnwa.gov)