

Opportunity for Service to our Veterans Community- We have a great community in Yakima County that honors our Veterans in many areas of service and advocacy. Below are some of the many opportunities.

Central Washington Veterans Task Force – is a group of interested individuals who meet to discuss Veterans issues and needs in our community. All who want help Veterans are welcome.

- Meets 3rd Tuesday of month at 11 am at the Yakima Chamber of Commerce.
- Consists of veteran service providers, case managers and counselors that address the needs of individual veterans through case management
- Serves as an outreach network to facilitate cooperation within the veteran service and support community
- Educates and informs members of the veteran support community through monthly education sessions on various organizations and programs that support veterans
- Does not require formal membership

Greater Yakima Chamber – Veteran and Military Affairs Committee (VMAC) – is a committee of chamber members who are concerned about military affairs.

- Meets second Tuesday each month at 11am at the Chamber.
- VMAC meets to organize the Veterans Job Fair, support the Yakima Stand Down and to support local veterans, military and their families.

Yakima County Veterans Advisory Board – is a County board of Veterans who advise the County Commissioners on meeting the needs of our low income veterans.

- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of month at 4 pm at the Yakima County Courthouse.
- To be a board member must be a Veteran and 50% of board must be a member of a Nationally Recognized Service Organization.
- Is appointed by the Yakima County Commissioners.
- Operates within the RCW 73.08.010 Washington Code and advises Yakima County Commissioners on administration of the Veterans Relief Fund and needs of local Veterans.

Yakima Valley Veterans Coalition (501c3 pending)

- Currently meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5 pm at the Yakima County Courthouse (Subject to change)
- Coalition of service providers, veteran service organizations, government organizations, private non-profits and concerned citizens serving to address the needs our local veteran community
- Major sponsor of the Yakima County Stand Down and the Yakima County Veteran Job Fair
- Through fund raising provides funding for Veteran Emergency Relief administered by the Yakima County Veterans Relief Fund Board
- Facilitates coordination with veteran service organizations within Yakima County
- Serves as the main coordinating body for the Yakima County Veteran Stand Down through the sub-committee (Veterans Stand Down Committee). The Stand Down Committee forms the 1st month of the calendar year and begins the process of organizing the Stand Down which occurs the last Saturday in October
- **Stand Down committee** serves as the main coordinating body responsible for planning and conducting the Stand Down. fund

There are many additional opportunities to serve and be involved such as our Veterans Service Organizations. Many of their members participate and support the groups and events above. **Together we serve our Veterans.**