



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Kittitas County Veterans' Coalition: Building the Road to Partnerships

To best serve our County's veterans and/or any veterans at large, Kittitas County formed a coalition with the four local VSOs. The "Kittitas County Veterans Coalition" (KCVC) adds credibility to our cause and allows us to speak in one unified voice. The KCVC enables us to more effectively work with our local, state, and federal partners. The office space, computers, and funding are a direct result of our partnering with the local Board of County Commissioners, the WDVA, the DVA, the CVC, and numerous other local assets.

KCVC provides direct services to local veterans and their dependents. The coalition also identifies services that fill gaps and unmet needs of all veterans as well as facilitating services that promote stability and improve quality of life.

The County Veterans Coalition (CVC) and the KCVC:

The CVC provided a vehicle for the KCVC members to network and share ideas with other Counties on how they are serving their veteran population. Many new ideas gained from CVC networking have been implemented by the KCVC into everyday activities, such as expanding the usage of the Veterans Relief Fund.

KCVC Performance Measure the First Year

In its first year of existence, the KCVC has registered over 1,200 client contacts and filed over 200 VA claims. Positive claims and entitlement filings have resulted in over \$500,000 coming into the Kittitas County economy.

Medal for Service to our Veterans

John King, Director, WDVA, and Governor Gary Locke have recognized the Kittitas County Veterans' Coalition for outstanding work in veteran's services. KCVC achievements are included in the Governor's Quarterly "Governing for Results," Book #17.

Still Serving After the Service

The KCVC is made up of veteran volunteers of the four locally active, nationally chartered veteran services organizations, ROTC Cadets, and non-veteran volunteers.

Want to Know More?

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