

Greetings all

I hope this week's blast finds you all well, and rested after the holiday weekend.

The New Year is almost here and with it the next addition of the Newsletter I would like to take a moment and thank all of you whom submitted articles throughout the latter part of the year and I look forward in sharing your successes with the Department.

A quick admin. Reminder that all Department offices will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday beginning at mid-day this afternoon and reopening at their perspective times on the 2nd of January 2019.

For your consideration this week please see the following.

1. The King County Veterans Consortium and the Veterans Training Support Center are co-producing a combined arms veteran's summit on January 28th, 2019. It will not be your typical VSO event as subject matter experts convene intimate circles to share capacity building in areas of interest (i.e. engaging minority veterans, supporting veteran entrepreneurs, how to plan an impactful service projects, VSOs as system pathfinders, conflict resolution and peer support techniques, the role of the veteran service officer, veterans as civic leaders, affinity groups, engaging senior veterans, using technology to increase your impact, etc.) To RSVP see the accompanying link: [www.thekvc.org](http://www.thekvc.org)

2. Support Group for caregivers Yoga and Sound healing event- see the accompanying link for more information:  
<http://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Caregivers%20Yoga%20and%20Sound%20Health%20Event.jpg>

3. Please see the attached flyer regarding the Veterans Peer mentor group event.

4. Just a reminder that the mid-winter conf. is fast approaching so please ensure that you're registered with the Department as well as with the hotel we look forward to having you join us. For more information visit our website, materials can be found under the events tab. <http://walegion.org/mid-winter-meetings/>

I hope all of you are able to ring in the New Year safely and surrounded by those you love, happy early New Year from your Department HQ team and the PNW Gruba boys!

Respectfully

Leo R. Gruba

Department Adjutant



# VETERANS PEER CORPS

"Serving Those Who Served"

## Veterans Peer Corps Training Tacoma, WA

### When:

Friday, Jan 18th  
8AM-5PM

### Where:

Pacific Lutheran  
University  
Anderson University  
Center (AUC)  
Chris Knutzen Hall

12180 Park Ave S  
Tacoma, WA 98447

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**\*Lunch and**

**Refreshments Provided!\***

Training RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/2PBcVpY>

Veterans Peer Corps Website:

[www.dva.wa.gov/program/veterans-peer-corps](http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/veterans-peer-corps)

- ⇒ Become a Certified Veteran Peer Mentor and help Veterans in your community!
- ⇒ FREE Training for Veterans and Family Members living in the Tacoma area!
- ⇒ DO what you love and HELP veterans in the process!
- ⇒ Volunteer in your community to make a difference with those who served!
- ⇒ Support from YOUR Washington Department of Veteran Affairs!



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