

Greetings friends and comrades,

I hope this addition finds you all well, this past week was a busy one here at the Department of WA HQ as the Team helped process and disseminate across the organization hundreds of expedited Temporary Financial Assistance Grants aimed to assist our Coast Guard comrades as they continue to deal with the issues surrounding the Federal government shutdown.

I'm pleased to report that the Department has submitted over 200 and counting for local Coast Guard members and their families in addition to assisting our fellow Departments.

If you have any questions on the process or the impact the government shutdown continues to have on our comrades and their families in the Coast Guard please do not hesitate to contact me.

For your consideration this week:

1. With the upcoming MLK observances just a few days away please follow the following link listing MLK day activities and programs that may be happening in your local area
<https://washingtonservicecorps.org/upcoming-mlk-day-service-projects/?ut>
2. As previously mentioned above and previously distributed; please see the attached Expedited Temporary Assistance application and supporting information related to grants for our Coast Guard personnel. Accompanying this expedited application form please have those you may assist submit with this form a copy of the most recent Leave and Earning Statement (LES)
3. Please see the accompanying link for those Federal Government employees seeking assistance during the government shutdown
<http://www.dva.wa.gov/vba-resources-veterans-dependents-survivors-and-federal-employees-during-shutdown>
4. Please see the attached flyer for the upcoming combined arms veterans' summit this Jan 28th
5. Please see the attached flyer outlining the upcoming visit of the Western Region National Vice Commander Jim E. Pisa and coinciding events scheduled

In closing an administrative reminder that all Department of WA American Legion offices will be closed on Monday 21 January 2019 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday and will reopen at their perspective office hour times on Tuesday 22 January 2019

Enjoy your weekend everyone

Leo R. Gruba

Department Adjutant

ARE THERE MINORS IN HOUSEHOLD? (Y/N)

Date: _____

**TFA
Grant Application**

American Legion Department of _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Are you a Legion Family Member? Legion S.A.L. Auxiliary

Member ID# _____
(if available)

Dates of Military Service _____ Branch of Service _____

Perm. Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Explain your immediate need for assistance – tell us what happened:

Department Adjutant or Authorized Department Official

I have thoroughly reviewed this application and recommend the following: Approval \$ _____

Denial

Comments

Signature _____

Email _____

Date _____

TFA for Coast Guard during government shutdown

-The National American Legion has stepped up its support for USCG families whose income has been put on hold because of the shutdown.

-ANY USCG family in financial stress should contact The American Legion Department of Washington Headquarters at (360) 491 4373 or fill out the attached application and email it to americanlegion@walegion.org (Application sheet, Verification of Active Duty, and Minor Dependent Verification are all needed to move the application forward)

- ANY USCG member currently on active duty AND has minor children in their household who is suffering financially because of the government shutdown, may apply for Temporary Financial Assistance through The American Legion. This Assistance should be used to cover basic life needs such as rent or mortgage, power/gas/electricity, utilities, etc...

-The USCG Member does NOT need to be a Legion member as a requirement but DOES need to be on Active Duty under Title 10.

-This is a one time, up to \$1500 grant.

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January 10, 2019

Comrades,

National has provided an expedited application form for Temporary Financial Assistance to be used in assistance with active duty Coast Guard members that have minor dependents and are experiencing financial hardships due to the government shutdown. With the members active duty status they are qualified for TFA and do not need to be an American Legion member.

(As per Resolution No. 8: Restructure of Temporary Financial Assistance Statement of Policy (link below): A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, or any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion.

Accompanying this letter is the PDF application form to be used in place of the full formal TFA application. This is only for Coast Guard members, and only for the duration of the government shutdown. This application sheet, verification of current active duty status, and verification of the minor child in their custody is all that is need to be submit the request to the Department Adjutant. On the application sheet there is a “explain your need for immediate assistance”, this should be used to directly and clearly explain what the TFA is going to help pay. It remains a onetime grant at a cap of \$1,500.00. Coast Guard members can and are encouraged to provide and submit these applications to the Department Headquarters. Legion District and Post Officers can also help facilitate and receive these TFA request and forward them immediately to the Department Adjutant for approval. The goal is to get the request to National ASAP. The individual service member will receive the check directly upon approval from national, and will not be mailed through the Department Headquarters. Please contact the Department Staff for any questions or assistance at (360) 491 4373.

Thank You,

Joey Liberati
Membership Coordinator

Combined Arms Veterans Summit

Do More **TOGETHER**
AMPLIFY your impact

LEADERSHIP roll call
All SECTORS & GENERATIONS

January 28, 2019

Pacific Tower Panoramic Center

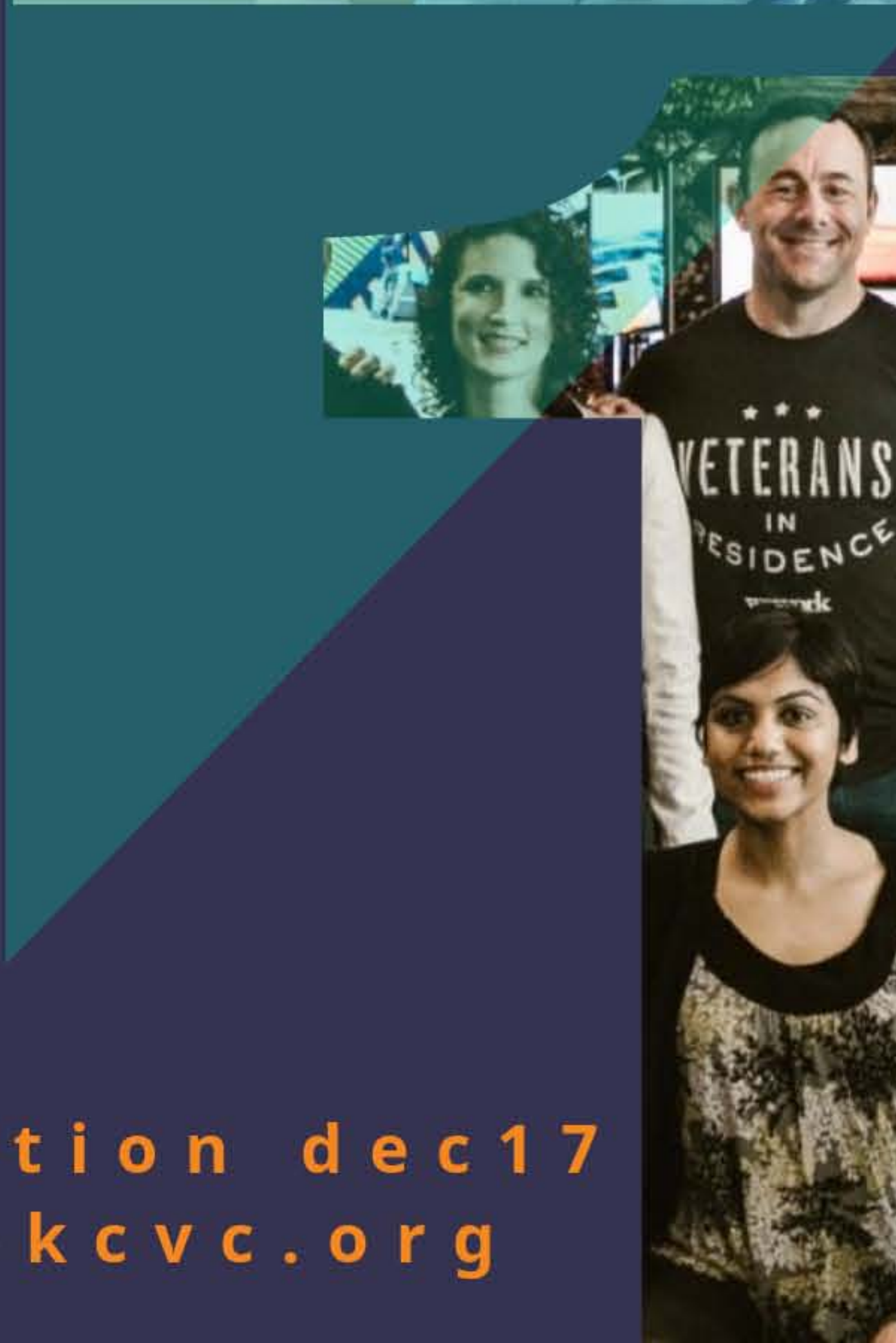
1200 12th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144
9:00am - 2:30pm

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Veteran Service Organizations
Minority & Tribal Veteran Representatives
Civic & Private Sector Change-Makers
US Dept of Veterans Affairs
Arts & Healing Organizations
Veteran Philanthropy
King County Veterans Program
Housing, Legal, Social Service Providers
WA State Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Educational Institutions
King County
Faith Partners



registration dec 17
www.thekcvc.org





The American Legion Western Region



Vice-Commander James E. Pisa visit & Membership Event. March 1st & 2nd

Meet, greet and join The American Legion Western Region Vice-Commander for Dinner, Breakfast and an American Legion Membership Event

National Vice-Commander James E. Pisa is a member of Post 35 in Wasilla, Alaska. He served in the U.S. Navy (1970-1974) and retired from the U.S. Coast Guard (1976-1997). Pisa has served as Department of Alaska commander (2007-2008), department service officer (2009-2014), and as a National Executive Committeeman (2010-2018). He has served on several national committees and presently serves as the NEC liaison to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission and on the resolutions subcommittee. He is a 2004 National American Legion College graduate.

LOCATION & ADDRESS

American Legion Post 10 Wenatchee
208 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee WA 98807

Event Schedule:

1st of March (Friday)

Dinner provided by the Wenatchee Post 10 Legion Riders
Social Hour 5pm & Dinner 6pm
Cost: \$15

2nd of March (Saturday)

Breakfast provided by the Wenatchee Unit 10 Auxiliary
Starts @ 8am
Cost: \$10

2nd of March (Saturday)

Membership Revitalization Event
9:30am to 4pm
Open to all Districts and Posts

MENU & DRESS

Dinner Menu: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato, Salad, Coffee, Punch, etc.
Breakfast Menu: Egg Dish, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee, Juice, Water, etc...
Casual Attire please

Please RSVP NLT 26 February

EMAIL: dwamemberhsipevent@gmail.com

Phone: 509-663-5912 between 10AM & 12PM