



# Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board

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The purpose of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

**Chair:** Sean Smith

**Vice Chair:** Casey Wegner

**Secretary:** Gary Walker

**Terms of Office:** Appointments are for three-year terms.

**Members:** A maximum of nine advisory board members.

**Meetings:** The Veterans Advisory Board meets quarterly on the third Monday of January, April, July and October from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meetings are held at Lacey Veterans Hub, 4232 6th Ave St. SE, Suite 202, Lacey, WA 98503 unless otherwise posted. Other meeting times may be scheduled by the Veterans Advisory Board or upon request by county staff.

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**Qualifications of Board Members:** The board is comprised entirely of veterans who are residents of Thurston County. A majority of the advisory board members must be elected officers or members of nationally recognized veterans organizations located in Thurston County as evidenced by written notice from the nationally recognized veterans' organization.

**Who Appoints:** By the Board of County Commissioners.

**Vacancies filled by:** Upon a vacancy in any position on the advisory board, a successor shall be selected and appointed by the BoCC to fill the unexpired term.

**Removal is by:** Advisory board members serve at the pleasure of the BoCC and may be removed by majority vote of the BoCC. If a member of the advisory board misses two consecutive advisory board meetings without adequate excuse, the advisory board may request removal of that member by the BoCC.