

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is seeking volunteers to work with veterans in Clackamas, Deschutes and Polk counties who may not be aware of the state, county and federal benefits they qualify for or how to access them.

It's part of the brand-new Veteran Volunteer Program, the first-ever statewide volunteer program working with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and its partners to help connect veterans with their earned benefits, which can provide needed financial support, health care and other long-term care needs.

The program is currently being piloted in Clackamas, Deschutes and Polk counties, but will eventually be rolled out statewide. Prospective volunteers do not have to reside in Clackamas, Deschutes or Polk County as long as they have the ability to travel for their volunteer duties and training.

The program is open to anyone 18 years or older. Anyone who enjoys working with veterans and the aging population is encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit <u>oregonvetvolunteer.com</u> or contact Veteran Volunteer Coordinator Mark Newell at 503-373-2057 or <u>veteranvolunteer@odva.state.or.us</u>.





SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH VETERANS



The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs new Veteran Volunteer Program is an outgrowth of our commitment to ensure every Oregon veteran

is connected to the benefits they have earned through their military service.

The role of the volunteer is to help aging veterans and their family members become more knowledgeable about state, county and federal benefits. Working with ODVA and our partners, volunteers help locate veterans who have not accessed their veteran benefits.

QUALIFICATIONS

18 years or older, good communication skills, enjoy teaching, passion for helping veterans, capable of giving presentations to a group.

COMMITMENT

8-10 hours a week for one year.

TRAINING

The Veteran Volunteer Program Coordinator will provide all volunteers with orientation and training. All volunteers will be given on-the-job-training in their assigned counties. Volunteers will Iso receive ongoing support, education and guidance.

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