

IN THE APRIL [DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE](#) YOU'LL READ ABOUT:

- Veterans Cemetery Construction Update;
- Freedom Team Salute for WA Resident; and
- 2010 Budget Update.

[FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT](#)

The 2010 Regular and Special Sessions have now adjourned! This report lists the veteran and military related bills that passed this year.

INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:

- Veteran Owned Businesses –
Legislation was passed during the 2010 Session which encourages public agencies to do business with Veteran and Servicemember Owned Businesses. Certify your business today on the [WDVA Veteran Owned Business Registry](#) and [WEBS](#) in order to be eligible for contracting opportunities. *(Businesses already registered with WDVA will need to submit proof of honorable military discharge and business ownership in order to become certified. Click [here](#) for more information.)*
- [Small Business Taxes & Bookkeeping for the Small Business Owner – Seattle SBA Education and Training Center](#) - Upcoming workshop dates: Apr 22, May 13, May 27, June 10 and June 24. 4th & Battery Building, 2401 Fourth Avenue, Suite 450, Seattle
- [Washington Small Business Development Centers – Workshops](#) - Visit the Washington Small Business Development Center website to see what workshops are coming up in your area. The SBDCs offer seminars and workshops in many areas around the state. Pre-registration is required.

[APRIL IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH](#)

Washington State's Emergency Management Department has several activities this month, including a Drop, Cover, Hold Drill for home, school, and business on April 21st at 9:45 a.m. Click for information on earthquake preparedness materials and activities, and how to prepare your 72-hour comfort kit.

VETERANS CONSERVATION CORPS [VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!](#)

APRIL 16 & 17 - Veterans Conservation Corps participants, families and friends are invited to participate in volunteer opportunities at Deception Pass State Park!

This is a passing of the torch from the Civilian Conservation Corps to the VCC. Many of the CCC volunteers are now in their 80's and 90's and this is an opportunity for the VCC to pick up where they are leaving off. Volunteer activities will include:

- Historical Restoration and Preservation,
- Habitat Enhancement,
- Invasive Species Removal, and
- Outdoor Theater Construction.

To confirm your attendance please send an e-mail to ebbd@rockisland.com or call 360-378-6686.

VOLUNTEER AT EVERGREEN WASHELLI

April 17, 10:00am – 2:00pm

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Evergreen Washelli invite you to preserve a part of history. We are seeking volunteer support from the surrounding community to help clean the historic white marble markers that identify the men and women who have protected our country. We will supply the brushes, buckets, and eco-friendly cleaning solution.

Your RSVP is appreciated, so that we may plan to have supplies for everyone. Email us at veterans@washelli.com Please include the number of volunteers in your group.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Be sure to list your event on the WDVA Public Events Page. Contact Colleen Gilbert at colleen@dva.wa.gov with details.

Event	Date	Location	Contact
Reflection Park Golf Tournament	April 23, 2010	Eagles Pride Exit 116 off of I-5	Website and Registration
The Soldiers Project Northwest Conference	April 23, 2010	Museum of Flight Skyline Room	FLYER
Kitsap 2010 Spring Stand Down for Veterans	April 24, 2010	Kitsap County Spring Stand Down for Veterans and their Families Kitsap County Fairgrounds	http://www.kitsapgov.com/hr/wsolympic/veterans/va.htm
Governors Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting	April 29, 2010	VFW Post 3386 1308 S Loffler St Airway Heights WA	April Harris 360-725-2167 Draft Agenda
WA Women in Trades Career Fair	April 30, 2010 9:00-3:00	Fischer Pavillion at Seattle Center	Website and Registration
War and the Soul Creating Healing Academic Communities For Our Nation's Veterans	May 6 & 7, 2010	The Evergreen State College Olympia, WA.	Website and Registration