



# Washington State Legislature

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## Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

Executive Committee:  
Representative Barbara Bailey  
Senator Steve Conway  
Representative Tina Orwall  
Senator Pam Roach

Wednesday  
May 2, 2012  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Senate Hearing Rm 1  
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Olympia, WA

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Approval of minutes from November 30, 2011 meeting.
3. The economic impact of our military bases – panel discussion.
  - Olivia Robinson, Regional Affairs Coordinator, Puget Sound Regional Council
  - Dan Penrose, Project Manager, South Sound Military & Communities Partnership
  - Sandra Jarrard, Public Policy Manager, Greater Spokane Incorporated (*participating via teleconference*)
  - Kathy Cocus, Business Development Director, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance
  - Jim Slowik, President of the Oak Harbor Navy League, Former Oak Harbor Mayor
4. Overview of veteran- and military-related bills that passed in 2012.
  - Karen Epps, Staff Counsel, Senate Committee Services
5. Interim plan discussion.
  - a. Initial ideas from the Executive Committee:
    - i. Post-traumatic stress disorder issues update
    - ii. Credentialing for military spouses update
    - iii. Economic impact issues update
    - iv. Invite Norm Dicks for a discussion on veterans issues
    - v. Jobs for returning veterans discussion
    - vi. Tri-Care and other medical benefits discussion
    - vii. Veteran homelessness and affordable housing issues discussion
    - viii. Whidbey Island Naval Air Station tour
  - b. Stakeholder input:
    - i. Department of the Military
    - ii. Department of Veterans' Affairs
    - iii. Veterans' groups
6. Other Business.

*Documents from this meeting can be found online at  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/JCVMA/>*