

Grants Pass Leadership and Town Hall Notes

Grants Pass Leadership Meeting –

- ◆ Who, What and Why of Task Force.
- ◆ State agencies need to ask who is a veteran.
- ◆ VSO's are economic development engines.
- ◆ A vet is a vet is a vet!
- ◆ Congress can change some of the confining rules is providing assistance.
- ◆ Negotiating with DMV to add a "V" indicator on drivers licenses for vets.
- ◆ Considering using the OPUS Housing database as a model for a veteran database.
- ◆ Need to educate families about veteran issues and spotting problems.
- ◆ Need veterans group help to form critical mass needed.
- ◆ Many new veterans prefer online networking over joining groups like VFW where older veterans hang out.
- ◆ CVSO sustainability, training and certification.
- ◆ Lack of transportation for healthcare.
 - Gas prices may force conversation on policy.
 - Need to look at "East Coast / West Coast" models of Fee Basis Care.
- ◆ Services for National Guard and Reserve:
 - Trying to get a "Spin Down" program for demobing Guard.
 - Passed Small Business Repair Loan program.
 - Trying to create a local Guard GI Bill.
- ◆ Tricare: Incentives needed for docs.
- ◆ Veterans self-identifying:
 - "A vet by whose standards?"
- ◆ They would like a Veterans Home in Grants Pass.

Grants Pass Town Hall Meeting –

- ◆ Who, What and Why of Task Force.
- ◆ Jobs for vets:
 - Employed vs. Unemployed vs. Under Employed.
- ◆ Transportation:
 - Looking for vehicles for transportation (+fuel and insurance money)
 - Should be state subsidizing for veteran transportation systems.
- ◆ Will a clinic be built in Grants Pass? Yes.
- ◆ Is there continued funding for the Dom?
- ◆ Most general care has to go to Roseburg.
- ◆ How about a PR campaign to bring in more vets to the VA system?
- ◆ There needs to be more CVSO's and funding for CVSO's.
- ◆ How do you count the vets in an area?

- ◆ Most vets aren't aware of what is available to them.
- ◆ New vets are more likely to have problems.
- ◆ Limitations on veteran services based on earnings.
- ◆ East Coast vs. West Coast on fee basis.
- ◆ "VA service has always been bad."
- ◆ Complaint on a new VA phone system.
- ◆ History of the Josephine County Service Office.