

The following topics were discussed during the Myrtle Point Town Hall Meeting

- 1) Deployed vets returning to low wage jobs.
- 2) Not enough family wage jobs.
- 3) Not enough money for gas, even with gas vouchers.
- 4) Local farming has become mostly hobby farming and therefore doesn't offer family wage jobs.
- 5) The number of dairies in the area has declined dramatically.
- 6) The timber industry in the area has shrunk and many family wage jobs have been lost.
- 7) Difficulty identifying servicemembers who come back - self-identifying is lacking.
- 8) Cost of housing is too expensive (especially in Bandon).
- 9) Cost of land is too expensive in the area (especially on the coast).
- 10) Guard members have trouble getting their records.
- 11) Most programs require vets to be sober to participate, thus not capturing a large groups who aren't.
- 12) There is no specific programs designed for returning female vets who have their own set of special needs.

In Roseburg, many of these same topics came up as well a few more:

- 1) Priority placement for serious at-risk patients in the State Hospital.
- 2) What legislation will likely look like in the upcoming session.
- 3) TRICARE new patient incentives.
- 4) Disabled plates vs. parking placards.

5) Combat veteran pay.

6) Young vets don't know what is available to them.

- They don't know what a service officer is.

7) We need a media campaign telling where vets can go for assistance.

That's all I got in the meetings. It was really hard to hear in the Roseburg Town Hall.