

Below is a list of the various topics that came up during the Eugene / Springfield Town Hall meetings.

- 1) Who is the Task Force, and what are they doing.
- 2) New drivers license law and how it is affecting homeless veterans.
- 3) ODVA working on a veterans ID card.
- 4) Small Business Repair Loan is too complicated and is creating a "Turf War."
- 5) Flexibility of the GI Bill.
- 6) Breakdown of the handouts from the meeting.
- 7) Town Halls started in Burns for a reason - 1 in 5 are veterans.
- 8) Federal Forest Payments effects on local cities and counties.
- 9) Federal VA monies are new income into communities.
- 10) COVO serves as a "wrap around homeless program."
- 11) Explanation of TRICARE - Needs higher reimbursement rates.
- 12) Local Government agencies need to ask if people are veterans.
- 13) There is a need for a new (veterans) retirement home in Florence.
- 14) Roseburg has what is needed for another Vets Home.
- 15) A third home would likely be in Wilsonville on a public/private matching program.
- 16) Some Guard members were homeless before they were deployed, and returned to be homeless again - now with PTSD.

- 17) Maybe the State should help with low income housing for homeless veterans.
- 18) They need free emergency transport to the Roseburg VA Medical center.
- 19) Will there be increased educational funding? - Governor is looking at a local Guard GI Bill.
- 20) Why don't we advertise our educational aid more?
- 21) Awareness of benefits for new veterans isn't there.
- 22) Need other ways to find veterans.
- 23) Need help monitoring PTSD.
- 24) \$1.2 billion comes into the state biennially from new VA funds.
- 25) Military needs to list ALL benefits available when getting out - currently, they "harp on" unemployment benefits.
- 26) Why doesn't ODVA attend county fairs?
- 27) VA hospitals have too few parking spaces, and locations are bad.
- 28) Veterans in Oregon need to be able to talk to the Portland VA.
- 29) Need to decrease the time from claim to treatment.
- 30) Takes too long to get an appointment at the VA.
- 31) Need healthcare specifically for women veterans.
- 32) Emergency grant program needs more funding.

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