

# HONORING VETERANS

## World War II Memorial Dedicated

Oregon is one of the last states to create a memorial to those who fought and died in World War II.

Located at Wilson Park on the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem, the World War II Memorial was finished this year after 5 years of construction. A dedication ceremony in June drew over 300 veterans and a crowd of over 2,000.

The ceremony also honored the entire generation of Oregonians who supported the war on the home front, such as the hundreds of people employed in the shipbuilding jobs in Portland.

The site features a 33-foot-tall granite pillar with granite walls listing the names of nearly 3,800 Oregonians killed in World War II.



A new World War II memorial at Wilson Park on the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem.

## Job Training for Veterans and Jobless

A Portland non-profit in partnership with several community based organizations and economic development agencies are gearing up to offer job training to veterans and people who have been unemployed for a long time.

The effort will be led by Worksystems, Inc. which recently received an \$8.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to train and prepare 1,000 people for jobs in the manufacturing and information technology

sectors from the Portland area and southwest Washington.

The commitment is to train 850 long-term unemployed residents and 150 career-seeking veterans who need skill development to obtain employment. The grant will fund critical occupational skill training while fast-tracking participants through industry credentialing and certification programs, giving them the skills needed by employers.

Participants will also receive paid work experience, job placement assistance, and on-the-job training to help reboot their careers.

"These resources will infuse local high-growth manufacturing and IT businesses with trained, local workers while addressing a key workforce issue that has hampered our economy: long-term unemployment," said Andrew McGough, Worksystems executive director.

## Local Clinic Offers VA Dental Services

Dr. Edward Ward of the Interstate Dental Clinic in north Portland is one of the local providers of dental services for veterans under the Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program.

The VA would like all veterans and beneficiaries to have access to good oral health. Good oral health is more than just a nice smile or ability to chew favorite foods – it impacts a person's overall health throughout his or

her life.

Enrolled veterans and beneficiaries of the VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program, have the opportunity to purchase dental insurance at a reduced cost. The VA is offering this service through Delta Dental and MetLife. The benefit, however, is not available to all veterans.

The program is a three-year, national pilot program to assess the feasibility and

advisability of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals.

Beginning Nov. 15, individuals interested in participating may complete an application online, over the phone or by mail. For more information, visit [va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP](http://va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP). To reach the Interstate Dental Clinic, call 503-285-5307 or email [drward@teleport.com](mailto:drward@teleport.com).

## Financial Tips for Military

Wells Fargo will mark Veterans Day this year by providing free financial education online workshops to service members, veterans and their families.

The free webinars are scheduled through Thursday, Nov. 13. The instructor-led sessions will provide information on homebuying, managing credit, and budgeting and saving. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

This is the third time Wells Fargo has offered free military financial education webinars, allowing service members and veterans to access the information from their homes or at local libraries.

To learn about more ways Wells Fargo is supporting military members, veterans and their families, visit [wellsfargo.com/veterans](http://wellsfargo.com/veterans).



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