

Veterans service officer hired by nonprofit

Bobian served in the Coast Guard

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Clatsop County has a new veterans service officer who will help veterans obtain benefits.

Stephen Bobian, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and the former veterans service officer for Jackson County, started on Aug. 3.

The county shifted the contract for the position in May from Luke Thomas, a Coast Guard veteran, to Clatsop Community Action, a social service agency.

The goal was to expand outreach to the county’s more than 3,600 veterans and help make the agency’s social services, such as housing assistance, more accessible.

About a dozen people, including veterans and state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scap-

poose, shared testimony in favor of awarding the contract to Thomas.

More than 30 people applied for the position under Clatsop Community Action, including Thomas. He was a finalist for the post.

Viviana Matthews, the executive director of Clatsop Community Action, said Bobian has experience working with a diverse population of veterans.

“The most important thing was the outreach piece. And he was able show how much outreach he has done,” she said.

Matthews said Bobian will learn about all the services the agency offers and will work closely with case managers.

“If somebody qualifies for our services because of their income, they will be referred to us right away and he will be able to speak about our services to the veterans who qualify for our services,” she

said.

Bobian has worked in veteran services in Josephine and Jackson counties since 2017. When the position opened in Clatsop County, he said he couldn’t pass it up, since he considers Astoria his hometown.

While in the Coast Guard, Bobian spent more than four years stationed in Astoria. He transferred to Alaska, but eventually came back and spent more than three years working as a brewer and bartender at Buoy Beer Co. while attending the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station program at Clatsop Community College.

His fiancée is also from the area.

“One of my main goals is to be able to serve the community in which I served both in the military and out of the military, and give back to the community,” Bobian said.



Stephen Bobian is the new veterans service officer.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Aug. 12

9:10 a.m., Lewis and Clark: A driver is cited for not wearing a seatbelt.

5:39 p.m., 2100 block S. Franklin: A disturbance is reported.

5:39 p.m., 900 block N. Franklin: Property crimes are reported.

5:46 p.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

11:12 p.m., 1600 block Cooper: Persons reported camping in the area are unable to be located.

Aug. 13

12:32 p.m., Thompson Falls: A person is arrested on a warrant.

4:37 p.m., 900 block S. Holladay: A disturbance is reported.

6:18 p.m., East End Avenue: Transients are advised to clean up their mess and leave.

7:59 p.m., River Walk: Caller reports transient’s belongings taking up a bench. The transient is located sleeping nearby. He was told to move along and public works was advised to remove his belongings if they are still there the next day.

Aug. 14

5:43 a.m., Police headquarters: A found wallet is turned in for safekeeping.

1:24 p.m., 400 block Third Avenue: Caller reports small child alone on a deck. Officer contacts the parent who says the child is on a “time-out.”

9:06 p.m., Prom and Avenue I: Caller reports someone setting up a tent and looking like they’re staying for the night. Officer contacts subject who says they are just cooking dinner.

Aug. 15

2:45 p.m., Avenue A Bridge:

Teens are warned not to jump off the bridge.

5:04 p.m., River Walk: A man making a mess is warned to clean it up.

Aug. 16

11:25 a.m., S. Lincoln: Officer assists person bitten by a dog. Dog and owner are unable to be located.

4:50 p.m., Beach: Officer assists locating children reported missing.

4:54 p.m., S. Roosevelt: A disturbance is reported outside the building that used to be Helping Hands.

Aug. 17

9:08 p.m., 700 block S. Wahanna: A person is arrested for DUII.

9:30 p.m., 2100 block Exchange Street: A deceased person is reported.

Aug. 18

5:35 a.m., U.S. Highway 101 and Mill Creek: A person is

pulled over driving for failure to stay in lane.

3:54 p.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

10:27 p.m., Estuary: People are warned of unlawful lodging.

Aug. 19

1:23 a.m., Avenue G: The owner of a dog reported barking outside late into the night agrees to bring the dog inside.

2:01 a.m., 400 block N. Prom: Guests reported causing a disturbance at the hotel where they are staying agree to leave at the request of a hotel representative.

2:27 a.m., 10th and N. Roosevelt: Arguing people agree to separate on police arrival.

2:49 a.m., 400 block N. Prom: Police return to the hotel where a disturbance was reported earlier. The subjects causing the disturbance are still there. Police trespass them from the premises.

1:06 p.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

11:57 p.m., 500 block Beach Drive: Suspicious circumstances are reported.

Aug. 20

7:19 a.m., 17th Avenue and N. Holladay: Graffiti is reported in the roadway.

7:29 a.m., 10th and Holladay: More graffiti is reported in the roadway. Property crime reported.

7:31 a.m., 700 block 13th Street: Property crime reported.

8:26 a.m., 1500 block N. Holladay: Property crime reported. Case taken for criminal mischief.

8:51 p.m., 2900 block Keepsake Drive: A transient woman reported for causing an earlier disturbance is reported a second time for going from car to car parked in the area, saying she is “looking for someone.” Police tell her to stop.



Aug. 4

4:12 a.m., 300 block 18th Avenue: Emergency medical response.

5:26 a.m., 300 block N. Prom: Emergency medical response.

12:34 p.m., 3100 block Maxwell Lane: Water rescue.

Aug. 5

2:35 p.m., 300 block Avenue C: Fire alarm.

4:00 p.m., Avenue U and Ocean: Water rescue.

9:57 p.m., Avenue G and Beach: Emergency medical response.

Aug. 6

8:25 a.m., 1000 block S. Irvine: Emergency medical response.

11:34 p.m., 3200 block Bayview Terrace: Fire alarm.



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