

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Veterans' Assistance

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After reviewing the current benefit of \$400 that is allowed from the Veterans' Assistance Fund for indigent veterans, Mason County has increased the amount to \$600 per calendar year. The benefit amount has not been changed since 1993. This money is available to those qualifying veterans for housing, utilities, food (not to include tobacco and alcoholic beverages), or payment of mileage reimbursement to veterans or other community volunteers who transport indigent veterans to medical, dental or health related appointments and for burial or cremation costs.

This is funded through a levy for the relief of honorably discharged or for veterans discharged for physical reasons with an honorable record.

A group of volunteer representatives from the local veteran organizations serve as the Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee and meet with interested applicants on Monday mornings at Memorial Hall, 210 W. Franklin Street, Shelton. Please call 426-4546 for an appointment.

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