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Description

Thousands Eligible with Millions Unclaimed: WAServe's Service Collaborations Honors All Veterans

Washington State remains a hub for the Global War on Terrorism and home to over 600,000 Veterans as well as major military installations. The portfolio of public and private resources, benefits and programs exclusively available to Veterans continues to expand. Obtaining and coordinating these valuable entitlements is often problematic for many eligible beneficiaries. Every month millions of dollars in VA pensions, disability awards and health care services remain unclaimed by eligible Washington State Veterans and widows. WAServe, a member of AmericaServes.org, was established to change that state of affairs by providing technology enhanced coordination and case management services delivered by uniquely qualified staff.

WAServe works with an expanding coalition of community providers representing over seventy organizations delivering health care, housing, employment, social and community-based services. Libraries, as a trusted resource in communities all across the state, are in a unique position to strengthen this coalition. Learn how libraries can serve this population throughout Washington State.

Bio for Donald Allister Lachman

Donald Lachman is authentic native of Seattle and Husky. As a Viet Nam Era, Veteran Donald proudly served in the Army Medical Service Corp. Over two decades Donald acted as principle partner in a public affairs company that specialized in the use of best practices with high-needs and high-risk populations.

Beginning in August 2007 Donald served as Special Projects Coordinator for leadership at the Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs. In this position he experienced the best in communities and stakeholders across WA State wanting to help Veterans. Alliances established court and corrections-based programming, affordable housing, expanded service dog programming, tiny homes and significant resource acquisitions. In March 2018 Donald accepted a position as Special Programs Officer with the WestCare Foundation a vital program partner with the Department of Veteran Affairs and Correction

Bio for Andrea Talmadge

Andrea lived much of her childhood hopping from base to base as the daughter of a Marine Corps veteran. She has first-hand experience of the struggles military families face, including deployments and transitioning back into the civilian world. Andrea is passionate about helping veterans and their families in becoming self-sufficient and live fuller and happier lives.

Andrea has been involved in the AmericaServes initiative since 2017 and has seen firsthand the immense positive impact that care coordination has on communities across the country. As the PNW Regional Coordinator for WAServes, Andrea is responsible for managing the WAServes Coordination Center, triaging cases, and the point of contact for the Human and Healthcare providers and the Veteran Community.

Andrea enjoys spending time with her family, friends, staying active and enjoying the great outdoors in the Pacific Northwest.