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### **Local veterans can use website to get connected to benefits**

Clackamas County is supporting a state and federal effort to provide an online method for Oregon veterans to easily obtain information about benefits for themselves, their dependents and their survivors.

The link is a red white and blue button and will directly connect veterans to a website that can be filled out and submitted to the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs. The forms will be sent directly to the agency where the response will be handled directly or referred to the county veteran's agency.

"I fully support any effort to ensure that the members of the military who serve our country get all the benefits to which their entitled," said County Commissioner Jim Bernard. "I am happy to see that Clackamas County has been enlisted in this effort."

There are approximately 350,000 veterans in Oregon. Only about 85,000 are receiving any type of veteran's benefit. That makes this form of outreach especially important. Veterans can go to [www.clackamas.us](http://www.clackamas.us) and click on the ODVA button.

More information on benefits for Clackamas County veterans can be obtained by contacting Veterans Services at 503-650-5631 or by email at [veterans@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:veterans@co.clackamas.or.us). The agency's Web site can be found at <http://www.clackamas.us/veterans/>