

Crook County Veteran Services Office Encourages Local Veterans to Reach Out for Help With Benefits and Support

(Prineville, OR) - The Crook County Veteran Services Office is encouraging Veterans and their families to connect with its team for help navigating the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits system. The office provides free, accredited support to ensure local Veterans and their dependents receive the benefits they have earned.

Staff can help Veterans apply for benefits, gather the necessary paperwork, and communicate directly with the VA. Services also include assistance with obtaining discharge documents, service treatment records, and military personnel files.

"Many Veterans don't realize they qualify for benefits—or they may feel overwhelmed by the application process," said Veteran Service Officer Tom Evans. "As County employees and accredited Veteran Service Officers, we're your local advocates here to guide them every step of the way so they don't have to face it alone."

Some of the benefits available include:

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation and Non-Service-Connected (NSC) Pension, including Aid & Attendance for those needing additional support
- Healthcare, Caregiving Resources and Skilled Nursing facilities
- Burial and Survivor's Benefits
- Education and Vocational Rehabilitation

Some benefits are income-based, while others are not. Veterans and families are encouraged to call and make an appointment, even if they're unsure about eligibility.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, Veterans and their dependents are encouraged to call or stop by during office hours.

Location: 422 NW Beaver St, Prineville, OR 97754

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm (closed 12-1pm)

Walk-In Hours: Fridays, 8:00am-11:00am

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