HONOR A VETERAN

Clackamas Community Covenant
Our Pledge to Military Families

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Clackamas Community College is committed to:

- Assisting military members and all veterans with employment, education, and reintegration services.
- Creating new initiatives and partnerships to expand services and support to military members, veterans, and their families.

Clackamas County is committed to:

- Providing free assistance to veterans and their families advocating for state and federal VA benefits.
- Working with business and community partners to connect veterans to employment, services, and programs to ensure veterans are a vibrant, respected and well-served community within Clackamas County.

The City of Oregon City is committed to:

- Working seamlessly with other government partners to connect Oregon City veterans and military family members with critical information for support and assistance throughout the deployment cycle.
- Creating a welcoming transition environment for returning City of Oregon City employees and their families.
- Fair and legal employment practices that encourage and protect our returning military members.

The Department of the Army, the Oregon National Guard, the Army Reserve and the State of Oregon recognize:

- Oregonians serving the Oregon National Guard, the U.S. Army on Active Duty, and in the Army Reserve have contributed greatly to the welfare of both our state and our nation.
- The strength of our service members from all branches comes from the strength of their families and the communities they call home.

Camp Withycombe and the Oregon Sustainment Maintenance Site are committed to:

- Writing and e-mailing deployed full-time employees once each week until they return home.
- Initiating an “Adopt a Family” program and contacting military families once a month as an active part of their support group.

Oregon Legislative Leaders are committed to:

- Creating veteran friendly legislation that recognizes the sacrifices and needs of service members and their families.
- Building support for service members and units within their districts.
- Ensuring service members receive employment protection.
- Removing barriers to military families in accessing state and local services and resources.

Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition is committed to:

- Providing essential equipment resources for our military members.
- Supporting the educational and community needs of military families.
- An employment networking service for military members.