



OREGON DEPARTMENT
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OREGON LGBTQ+ VETERANS PROGRAM



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ADVOCACY, AWARENESS, ASSISTANCE

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Oregon is home to a diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service and four generations. Military service and the veteran experience continue to shape every generation of veteran – from the era and branch they served, to the pronoun they prefer. ODVA continues to work in partnership with local and federal government agencies, as well as non-profit partners to deliver veteran centric services, resources and benefits that meet the needs of LGBTQ+ veterans and their families. And to better serve you, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs LGBTQ+ Veteran Coordinator office is available to answer your questions and assist with a variety of support services.



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In 2016, ODVA became the first veteran state agency in the nation to provide special advocacy to the LGBTQ+ veteran community. Today this program assists veterans with discharge upgrades and specializes in claim development that includes addressing the impacts of DADT experiences. With an estimated 6% of the veteran population identifying as LGBTQ+, **ODVA is a proud ally** of this Oregon veteran community and works to build a network of advocates and other allies who are eager to serve and support Oregon's LGBTQ+ veterans and their families.

CONTACT

ODVA's LGBTQ Veteran Program is here to serve you in learning about and accessing your earned veteran benefits. We can help with discharge upgrades and military record corrections as well. For assistance or to schedule a consult appointment contact LGBTQVets@odva.Oregon.gov



Explore more LGBTQ+ veteran information online.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW AS AN LGBTQ+ VETERAN

- ODVA can assist with Military Records Corrections (discharge upgrade, name changes, etc.)
- ODVA provides trauma-informed and culturally aware assistance to help access federal and state veteran benefits.
- If you were discharged from service due to your sexual orientation please contact your county veteran service office or the LGBTQ+ Veteran Coordinator office.
- Laws and regulations continue to change. If you were previously denied benefits contact your local Veteran Service Office or contact the LGBTQ+ Veteran Coordinator to see if appeals rights exist for you.



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