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Tenth Annual Vigil for Homeless Memorial Day

Held on the longest night of the year, December 21, commemorates those who died without shelter

EVERETT, Wash., December 19, 2018 – On December 21st, the longest night of the year, Snohomish County’s Veterans Homelessness Committee will be holding the Homeless Memorial Day Vigil at the county’s outdoor amphitheater, beginning at 5:15 p.m. On this day, communities around our nation gather together to remember and honor those that have died in various stages of homelessness: on the streets, in their vehicles, in tents, or any other place they could lay their head. As cities and towns across the United States face issues with the lack of affordable housing, the opioid epidemic, and many more barriers to safe housing, this annual event continues to grow in meaning.

This year’s program, as in the previous nine years, will feature a remembrance of all who have passed, as well as a special veterans’ salute to those who have served our country. Representatives from the county [CONFIRM and City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin] will provide remarks in tribute to those neighbors no longer with us. Naval Station Everett color guard personnel will present the American Flag, joined by the Snohomish County Music Project, as well as others who work directly with those suffering homelessness. The amphitheater is located outdoors, in front of the Drewel Building at 3000 Rockefeller Ave in Everett, and is held regardless of the weather.

Media and the public are welcome to attend.

About the Snohomish County Department of Human Services

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