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## Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs grants LCC \$100,000

EUGENE, Ore.— The Maxwell Student Veteran center at Lane Community College received a \$100,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, the maximum award given to any recipient.

Funds from the grant will be used to add staff to support students veterans, create a peer-to-peer mentorship program, implement a workshop series, and remodel the center.

Lane County has a higher than national average veteran population. There are currently about 300 student veterans at Lane.

"Thanks to the ODVA grant, our ability to serve and support our veteran students has increased," says Christina Walsh, Interim Dean of Student Engagement, who oversees Lane's veteran services program. "Because of the grant and President Marge Hamilton's passionate support for veterans, we will be able to do more outreach and community building for our student veterans, with the mission of helping them complete and achieve their goals at Lane Community College."

The Maxwell Student Veteran's Center is located in Building 19, Room 233 on main campus, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene. The center opened in November 2013.

For more information about student veteran services at Lane, go online at: <a href="https://www.lanecc.edu/va">https://www.lanecc.edu/va</a>

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Photo: Congressional Medal of Honor Awardee Robert Dale Maxwell greets student veterans at the opening of the center in November 2013. Maxwell served as a Technician 5th Grade in World War II, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.