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# Go Lewis-McChord JBLM remains green in '17

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The GO Lewis-McChord programs have brought free transportation options to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord community since 2015, thanks to a partnership between JBLM and Pierce County.

It's a partnership that didn't go unnoticed as it earned the 2017 Army Community Partnership Award. The Army will recognize this cooperative agreement with a 2017 Army Community Partnership Award at a ceremony at the Pentagon Monday.

The award recognizes partnerships between Army installations and surrounding communities for their collaboration and overall efforts to improve readiness. Award submissions were evaluated based on their ability to improve mission training, provide cost efficiency, expand capability, create efficiencies and improve community relations.

Command Sergeant Major Richard Mulryan, "JBLM Garrison command sergeant major, has chaired the GO Lewis-McChord board, which oversees the program, since its foundation in 2015.

"It's been a privilege working on these programs that promote mission-readiness," Mulryan said in closing remarks for his time as board chair.

The impact on service members and the larger community is the best takeaway.

"We improve service member and family quality of life by providing options, helping them save money and time, while increasing their time spent on-task," Mulryan said.

The GO Lewis-McChord programs includes the on-base transit system, GO Transit with connections to Pierce Transit and Sound Transit, the free bike rental program GO Bike, and the van pool program GO Rideshare.

Jason Dalton, GO Transit Supervisor, takes pride in the efficiencies created by GO Lewis-McChord's partnerships.

"These types of relationships help to realize more projects and programs that can benefit the communities they are serving by involving multiple stakeholders in their creation and ongoing operations for the best outcomes," Dalton said.

GO Transit, which provides more than 5,500 rides a month, has "remained consistent since last year with minor ups and downs in ridership based on deployments and major training exercises," Dalton said.

GO Bike changed its operating policies to allow Department of Defense family members 18 years and older to rent the bikes. Ridership improved at all four bike check-out locations, and the program is searching for additional areas interested in hosting a small bike fleet.

GO Rideshare has worked with Intercity Transit and Pierce Transit to increase the number of JBLM commuters who share the ride in a van pool. Currently 45 van pools include riders from Pierce, King, Thurston, Mason, Snohomish, Lewis, Grays Harbor and Kitsap counties.



U.S. Army Photo  
Staff Sgt. Jesus Carlos, right, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, checks out a bike from Staff Sgt. Phillip Good April 11.



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Interested in being a rider in a van pool to JBLM? Visit [GOLewisMcChord.com](http://GOLewisMcChord.com) and click on van pool to get started.

Mulryan and the JBLM Garrison command team have provided invaluable support for the GO Lewis-McChord programs, without which the programs would not be where they are today.

Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Clayborn, the incoming JBLM Garrison command sergeant major, will be the next chair of the GO Lewis-McChord board beginning in January.

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