

**Nathaniel Boehme** (he/him/his) has extensive experience working with veterans and servicemembers and their families in crisis. He has managed and developed programs and provided direct services to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness in Portland, Seattle, and most recently Los Angeles. He currently serves as the nation's first and only LGBTQ Veterans Coordinator and the LGBTQ Special Emphasis Program Manager (SEPM) for the Oregon Military Department. Nathaniel also serves on the Board of Directors for the Modern Military Association of America.



In the professional realm, Nathaniel engages in program development and sustainment with an eye towards diversity, justice, and anti-oppressive practice while focusing on efficient and sensible operations. Key is an intimate knowledge of and experience with equity considerations in multifaceted issues including legislative, legal, and policy realms. Through purposeful and intentional outreach and engagement, Nathaniel works to create connections with LGBTQ and veteran-serving organizations and the community at large to gain entrée with partners.

These efforts require a keen understanding of and feedback on mitigating systems of oppression and the ability to inform key stakeholders on issues like differential impact and historical trauma. Central to these roles is the capacity to work at all levels from the micro (one-on-one) to mezzo (inter and intra agency) and macro levels (national connections and preparing reports for State legislatures).

Nathaniel also has an accomplished and relevant educational career. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Utah State University with a Bachelors in Psychology, another in Sociology, and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Additionally, he was awarded a Master's degree in Sociology at Washington State University and recently finished his second Master's (Masters of Social Work) at Portland State University with a Certificate in Human Services Management. He also holds a degree in Munitions Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

In serving those who served, Nathaniel has first-hand knowledge as he is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. He has served over seventeen years in the U.S. Air Force in various components. Nathaniel is third-generation Air Force, was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and continues to serve in the Oregon (Portland) Air National Guard as a Munitions Systems Craftsman. Furthermore, in 2017 Nathaniel became the first actively-serving military member in Portland and Seattle to participate in the Portland and Seattle Pride parades in uniform with command approval and in 2018 he organized the Portland Pride parade's first ever Military and Veteran Contingent.

Nathaniel and his husband are happy to be back home in Portland and Oregon.