



# VETERANS SERVICES

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How many individuals are incarcerated under the jurisdiction of the IDOC (contract or otherwise)?

9162

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What % of those incarcerated will be returning to our communities?

~98%

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How many are on felony supervision (probation or parole) in Idaho?

16,726

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How many are on supervision in district 5 (Burley, TF, Gooding)?

1,862

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How many IDOC offenders are veterans (either incarcerated or on supervision)?

1,760



# IDOC Mission Statement

... protect the public and provide opportunities  
for offenders to change

- What does IDOC veterans services have to do with “protecting the public”?
- What does veterans services have to do with providing “opportunities for offenders to change”?



# IDOC Veteran Discharges

(supervised and incarcerated)

■ Male – 1693	Female - 65		
■ Discharge status		<u>State</u>	<u>D5</u>
– <i>Dishonorable:</i>		51	4
– <i>General:</i>		268	16
– <i>Honorable:</i>		979	65
– <i>Medical:</i>		102	10
– <i>Other than Honorable:</i>		184	7
– <i>Unknown/Not Applicable:</i>		145	4




# What can IDOC do for Incarcerated Veterans?

- Connect to veterans services and resources
- Coordinate specific and focused classes for veterans while incarcerated
- Build individualized release plans for veterans focused on their needs
- Free2Succeed mentoring opportunities matched with other veterans
- Volunteer and engage in worthwhile projects – rebuilding bicycles, donating \$\$, etc.
- Establish veterans posts where applicable – American Legion, etc.
- Connect with educational opportunities
- Provide confidential medical screenings when needed
- Don't reinvent the wheel



## Next Steps

- Educate staff about resources available
  - *Case managers*
  - *Probation and parole officers*
- Town hall meetings with incarcerated veterans (what do they need)
- Establish quick links on internal and external websites of resources
- Promote utilization of veterans representatives
- Create “if this, then...” flow chart
- Establish partnerships throughout Idaho with veterans groups

The image features a close-up, low-angle view of the American flag waving in the wind. The flag's stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes extending towards the right. The background is a dramatic sunset sky, transitioning from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. In the bottom left corner, there are several bright, white streaks of light, resembling fireworks or sparks, adding a sense of celebration and energy to the scene.

Thank you for  
your service and  
commitment to  
help veterans