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Veterans Readjustment Program



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Veterans Readjustment Program



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Why Is This Program Needed?

- To better serve the needs of the incarcerated veteran.
- To help provide a successful plan for Reentry.
- To create a safer community within the confinements of prison.

Why Is It Important to Me?

- My correctional experience helps me to understand the incarcerated veteran.
- My military experience gives me the experience and creditability to lead these men.
- My experience coordinating the IVG has given me insight in to the needs of the incarcerated veteran.

Program Purpose

This program was created due to the increased number of veterans currently incarcerated in the Federal Prison system.

The purpose of this program is to establish a process of rehabilitation within FCI McKean that treats the incarcerated veteran's specific needs for support while in prison and provides skill for life in the larger community.

Mission Statement

The Veterans Readjustment Program's purpose is to create a well rounded approach to prison.

The goal of the program is to create an environment that will help offenders navigate their incarceration period and equip them with tools to successfully transition back into society.

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Regional and BOP Veteran's Statistics



- Incarcerated Veterans in the BOP – 8,890 (5.5%)
- Average Sentence Length 165 Months
- Incarcerated Veterans in the NER– 1,348 (5.6%)
- Average Sentence Length 155 Months

Program Admission

One institution designated per region

Each designated institution will determine the number of veteran offenders eligible to participate

New veteran commitments recommended by the sentencing judge



Program Concept



Poll Question

While at a correctional facility, which is the most important source of support for the incarcerated veteran?

- A. Religious Services
- B. Psychology Services
- C. Staff sponsored veteran groups
- D. Fellow veterans
- E. Unit staff

Cognitive Behavioral Awareness

- Non-Residential Drug Treatment
- Victim Impact
- AVP
- Life Connection
- Threshold

- True Colors
- New Beginnings
- Setting Intentions
- Catalyst
- H.O.P.E.
- Life Coaching

Education

- GED
 - ESL
 - Post Secondary Education
 - ACE Classes
 - Veteran's Classes
- Release Requirements
 - Community Corrections
 - Fair Shake
 - F.A.C.T.S.
 - Passing the Written Drivers' Test

Vocational and Work skills

- ProStart Culinary Program
- NCCER
- D.O.L. Apprenticeship Programs
- ACT Work Readiness Certifications
- Ultimate Job Search
- ACE Classes
- Job Fairs

Wellness and Leisure

Wellness

- Yoga
- Foam Roller
- H.I.T. Class
- Circuit Training
- Components of Fitness
- How Fit are you
- Your Heart in Action
- Health Care Issues
- Infectious Disease

Leisure

- Arts & Crafts
- Ceramics
- Leather craft
- Crocheting
- Music Classes

Life Skills

- Inside Out Dads
- Money Smart
- Avoiding the Money Trap
- Social Security

- Financial Peace
- Credit Report
- Wells Fargo
- State I.D.s'

Element One: Community Living

- Camaraderie
- Like minded men seeking positive change
- CBT/self awareness
- Health and wellness programs
- Life coaching programs within unit



Element Three: On-site Education

- Partner with local college and Technical school
- Provide space and program resources
- Associate and Bachelors Degrees programs offered
- Use GI Bill



Element Four: Reentry Training

- Partner with local VA programs and veteran volunteers
- Benefits training
- Adult continuing education classes
- Use GI Bill



"No Incarcerated Veteran Left Behind"



Poll Question

What area of support does the incarcerated veteran find to be most important to help them become a successful transitioning citizen?

- A. Education
- B. Vocational/work-skills
- C. Spiritual
- D. Behavioral health
- E. Health and Wellness

Confirmation

- “After serving in the military and building a major part of my life around a team, it feels comfortable in a environment like this to be around that again.” Dan
- “The Veterans group has re-inspired me to strive for greatness and to be all that I can be in all of my endeavors.” William

Confirmation

- For me, the FCI McKean Veterans program, has been not only insightful and impactful, but also distinguishable from any other programs.” Anthony, President IVG
- Certified Life Coach
- Ged Tutor
- Peer facilitator
- Adjunct Professor at University of Pittsburgh

Confirmation

“Concerning the Veteran’s group; the thing I like the most about the group is it has made me look at life in a different way.”

Darren

Confirmation

Retired Colonel Wes Martin



Testimony

- “It is an honor to work with veterans who still share their dedication to America.”
- “They are wrong, but through no fault of their own. Meanwhile, members of the Veterans' Group at McKean have experienced life, with all its brightness and darkness.”

Confirmation

Retired Colonel Wes Martin



Testimony

- “The only way to stay ahead of the ghosts of the past is to keep moving forward. The veterans at McKean helped me to move forward.”

Questions



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