

## FUTURE PLANS

The Inmate Veteran Group has been very busy, but we are not done yet. We have worked very hard to create the current programs and will continue to strive to make McKean's Veterans program the best in the Bureau of Prisons.

Here are some examples of our future plans:

1. Veterans Readjustment Program.
  - Dormitory Style Living Community
  - Mental Health Treatment
  - Continued Benefits Training
  - College (G.I. Bill eligible)
2. Community Service Projects. Ex. Making Christmas cards for patients at the VA.
3. Create a partnership with the VA in Erie, PA.

## NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND

All veteran offenders are accepted regardless of their discharge status.



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# FCI McKean Inmate Veteran's Group

FCI McKean "Setting the  
Standard in Reentry"



LEADING BY EXAMPLE

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Inmate Veteran's Group is to help offenders with their road to reentry. Through a partnership with a staff sponsor, the goal is to provide affective programs and relevant training to help offenders with their transition back into society. A special emphasis has been made in the following areas:

1. On-site veteran's help desk.
2. Monthly veteran's benefit training from a community organization.
3. Classes in various areas provided by veteran professors from local colleges.

## MCKEAN'S VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER

Here at FCI McKean there are many ways in which an offender can receive assistance in gaining access to veteran's benefits information. One of the fastest and easiest ways is through the McKean's Veterans One-stop Center. These are some of the forms and documents that are available at McKean's Veterans One-stop Center:

- SF 180 Request Military Records
- 10-10 EZ Apply for VA Health Benefits
- Form 21-526 EZ Claim for Disability

## PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

FCI McKean has created a partnership with the Veterans One-stop Center of Western New York. The VOC is WNY's premier, community based, independent, nonprofit collaborative, offering U.S. veterans, service members, and their families, the convenience of a barrier-free One-stop Center in which to access a coordinated, individualized suite of services for veterans. The VOC provides McKean with the following services:

- Outreach and Intake operations
- Case Management Services
- Accredited Benefits Counseling
- Employment Resources and Services
- Peer Mentoring Services
- Financial Counseling
- Housing and Emergency Services



## CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

### **"History of the American Military and Applied Leadership Class"**

This is an ongoing class that teaches the offenders about significant battles and wars that the U.S. Military has been involved in. The class meets weekly and is instructed by Retired U.S. Army Colonel, Wesley Martin; Adjunct Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford.

### **"Small Business Entrepreneurship Class"**

This class meets monthly and is ongoing. It teaches offenders how to create a small business plan and learn cutting edge marketing skills. The class is instructed by U.S. Navy Veteran, John McKeone; Adjunct Professor at Hilbert College in Buffalo, NY.

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