

Idaho State Veteran's Benefits

January 2019



More than 130,000 Idahoans are veterans of the Armed Forces. As a veteran you have earned benefits for yourself and potentially for your family, but you must apply to receive these benefits. Idaho is grateful for your service and want to ensure you receive all the employment and training support you deserve. The state of Idaho provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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Veteran Housing Programs

Veterans Homes

The Idaho Division of Veterans Services operates three Veterans Homes in Boise, Lewiston, and Pocatello. Their location and contact info is:

- Rick Holloway, 320 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho 83702 Tel: (208) 780-1600/1601F
- Mark high, 821 21st Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501 Tel: (208) 750-3600/3601F
- Josiah Dahistrom, 1957 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 Tel: (208) 235-7800/7801F

All three homes share a common goal of providing responsive medical and supportive care to veterans who can no longer provide for themselves. The following criteria is required for admission eligibility:

- Applicants may be peacetime or wartime veterans, and their spouses, with wartime veterans receiving priority admission status. The total service time must be at least 90 days, with an honorable discharge. A copy of the Veteran's discharge papers (DD-214) must be provided with the application. If the discharge papers are unavailable, a copy can be requested through the Department of Veterans Affairs. We will assist with the request.
- Applicants must be a resident of the State of Idaho at the time of application.
- Applicants must apply for (or already be in receipt of) a VA pension, and Aid and Attendance. We will assist with the pension application
- Applicants must either be eligible and apply for Medicaid benefits, or pay the current maximum monthly charge. Please include with the application a copy of the Veteran's Medicare card, private insurance cards, Social Security card, and Medicaid card. We welcome applicants who may not yet be Medicaid. approved, and we will assist them with the application process.
- Spouses or widows of veterans (eligible for nursing care only) will need to provide proof of marriage when they apply.
- Veterans may be admitted without regard to their financial status. Currently, we are taking applications at each of our Veterans Homes.

The admissions committee will review each application carefully to ensure the Veterans Home is able to provide the appropriate level of care and services needed for the applicant. A Home shall not accept applicants or continue to extend care to residents for whom the facility does not have the capability or services to provide an appropriate level of care.

All residents are responsible for the cost of their care; charges are due the first of each month and must be paid in full by the resident or guardian on or before the 10th day of the month. Payment sources for nursing care can be from income and liquid assets (including social security and pensions), private insurance, Medicaid insurance, or Medicare insurance. If eligible for Medicare, the applicant must elect to participate, unless participation is waived by the Home Administrator. Participation in a Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage plan is also encouraged as this coverage helps to reduce costs for those who are paying privately for their care. The Home can provide a list of participating plans. Care charges are as follows:

- ☐ **VETERAN NURSING CARE** - Effective June 1, 2015, the daily rate for nursing care is \$170 per day or \$5,270 per month (31 days) plus medication and **ancillary charges** (briefs, oxygen, medical supplies, etc.).
- ☐ **ELIGIBLE NON-VETERAN NURSING CARE** - The current daily rate for eligible spouses, widows, and widowers is \$276.10 (the daily rate of \$170 and the VA per diem rate of \$106.10 per day) plus medications and ancillary charges.
- ☐ **PRIVATE ROOM (Pocatello Home Only)** - Effective June 1, 2015, the daily rate for nursing care in a private room is \$199 per day plus medication and ancillary charges (briefs, oxygen, medical supplies, etc.) plus the VA per diem rate of \$106.10 per day if a non-veteran.

Residential care and domiciliary care costs are determined by assets and income. The Home's domiciliary and residential care beds are not Medicaid certified.

☐ **RESIDENTIAL CARE & DOMICILIARY CARE (Boise Home Only)** - Residential care and domiciliary care charges will increase in accordance with adjustments made to VA pensions.

- **Effective December 1, 2016 the monthly rate for residential care is \$1,345.00** If Veteran has less than \$1,500.00 in liquid assets, the charge could be as little as 75% of income.
- **Effective December 1, 2016 the monthly rate for domiciliary care is \$1076.00** If Veteran has less than \$1,500.00 in liquid assets, the charge could be as little as 60% of income.

NOTE: All rate information listed on this form is subject to change without notice. Assistance to individuals with completing admission documents and Medicaid applications is available from the Homes. Some veterans are also eligible for assistance from the Veterans Administration – Aide and Attendance pension. A State Service Officer is located in each Veterans Home and will review eligibility for VA benefits and assist with required applications

In addition to providing outstanding care for veterans and their spouses, Idaho Veterans Homes also offer numerous activities and social services. Residents enjoy recreational and social activities, outings and other programs that keep them active, independent and involved. Our caring team of physical, occupational and speech therapists provide custom programs designed to enhance the quality of life and individual skills and abilities of residents. Facilities include a state-of-the-art therapy room, activity center, dining room, gardens, chapel and more. The facilities provide a safe, comfortable place to call home. The quality of life for residents is the primary focus and an environment that supports privacy, independence, comfort and security, while meeting social needs is provided. To obtain an admission application go to <http://www.veterans.idaho.gov/file/75/download?token=34L-zhLF>



Boise Veterans Home

The "Old Soldiers Home" formally opened in Boise in May 1895. It was eventually replaced by the New Home which was dedicated in November 1966. Situated on a sprawling, tree-lined campus at the base of the beautiful Boise foothills, the Boise Veterans Home provides a quiet, peaceful setting just a few convenient miles from the heart of downtown Boise. The facility

offers a 36-bed residential/ domiciliary unit, and a 131 bed skilled nursing care unit including a 17-bed special care unit for veterans with Alzheimer's disease or related conditions. Each room is individualized to provide residents with maximum privacy, and all have windows and individually controlled heating and air conditioning. The facility features a physical therapy center, a spacious dining room, pleasant common areas, a large covered patio and courtyards. Services available to residents include extensive activity programs, onsite veteran and social services, library services, and transportation to medical appointments.



Lewiston Veterans Home

Nestled in a park-like setting with a panoramic view of nearby rolling hills, the Idaho State Veteran's Home in Lewiston provides a comfortable and welcoming setting for our veterans and their spouses. We are fortunate to be located right at the confluence of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers — one of the premier fishing spots in the nation — which provides residents and visitors alike with a beautiful and peaceful environment. Established in 1994 the Lewiston Veteran's Home was built on the philosophy of supporting the hardworking, rural values of our clients. Our professional staff takes pride in being there to assist residents with a full range of financial, social, spiritual and skilled nursing care needs. Our North Idaho Veteran's organizations provide generous support to the Home. The 66-bed home features daily activities, including physical therapy; a Canteen area to visit with family and a dining hall that serves three wholesome meals a day. For residents who have relatives visiting from outside the local community we are happy to provide a guest room for short term stays. Qualified veterans and their spouses who need nursing home care are encouraged to contact the Lewiston Veteran's Home to learn more about the resources and services we offer.



Pocatello Veterans Home

Built on property donated by Idaho State University, the Pocatello Veterans Home provides residents with a beautiful hilltop view of the City of Pocatello just a short two miles away. This 66-bed skilled nursing facility offers a large, newly-renovated therapy room, as well as a recently-remodeled activity room. Other facilities include a chapel, library, multiple lounge areas with big screen televisions, pool tables, a canteen and a dining room. There is also a covered patio, a gazebo, and rose gardens that residents may plant and tend to. The back yard area is fully fenced. Large windows throughout the facility allow residents to watch the wildlife that visits the grounds, including Canada geese, duck, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, and a variety of birds. The facility is beautifully landscaped and is paved all the way around for easy wheelchair and walking access. Our facility is one level with a centrally located nurse station. The double-occupancy resident rooms are spacious and comfortable.

Veteran Education Programs

SAA. The Idaho State Approving Agency (SAA) evaluates, approves, and monitors academic institutions, schools, and programs. These programs must lead to educational, vocational, and /or professional objectives so that veterans or other eligible persons can use the POST 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) or Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB). The MGIB may be used for an undergraduate or graduate degree, a vocational certificate or diploma, a high school diploma. Types of training that may be approved include advanced flight training, correspondence training for college work only, or programs leading to a license or certificate required to practice a vocation or profession. The SAA creates and maintains a computer database listing all approved institutions and programs (courses of study) for Idaho schools.

The SAA was established by an act of congress in 1947 to insure that Veterans and eligible dependents can use the GI Bill educational entitlement in an approved educational and/or training program. Basic guidelines for approval are derived from the code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Regulations and established SAA approving criteria. The SAA is a division of the Idaho Division of Veterans Services tasked with the responsibility of approving and monitoring all public/private schools, universities, and apprenticeship programs for those eligible for GI Bill educational benefits. Upon approval, education benefits may be used for undergraduate or graduate degrees, vocational certifications, on-the-job training, and high school diploma programs. Approvals may extend to educational programs for flight training, college correspondence, and professional license and certification.

Operation Education – University of Idaho: The University of Idaho wishes to honor & assist United States military personnel who have sustained severe & permanent injury while serving our nation since September 11, 2001, by providing the opportunity to attain a college degree. Towards this they screen applicants and select those most deserving to participate in their wrap-around Scholarship Program. The program is designed to financially assist severely injured U.S.

military personnel &/or their spouses with continuing education. The program will provide needed resources & support to empower returning Veterans &/or their spouses to pursue a degree program at the University of Idaho. In addition to assistance with direct educational costs such as fees, tuition & textbooks, support may be provided for on-campus housing needs, transportation, adaptive equipment, child care, tutoring & accommodative services. When appropriate & given available funding, the program will assist with out-of-pocket medical expenses or other requirements to accommodate the special needs of the recipient. Internships & job placement also will be sought by partnering with America's corporations. For further information & how to apply, contact John Sawyer at the University of Idaho: (208) 885-7979, or email johns@uidaho.edu. Refer to <http://www.uidaho.edu/operationeducation> for details on this program.

PURPLE HEART: Scholarship available for a child, step-child, grandchild or great grandchild who is a direct descendant of either (1) A member of the MOPH or (2) A Veteran killed in action or a Veteran who died of wounds, but did not have the opportunity to join MOPH. Refer to <http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx> for details on this MOPH Program.

IN-STATE TUITION: In accordance with Idaho Statute §33-3717B and Idaho Administrative Code 08.01.04. Idaho provides Guardsmen and Reservists who live outside the State of Idaho, but whom serve with an Idaho unit in-state college tuition; resident student status to veterans (and in some circumstances their dependents) who move to Idaho for the purpose of establishing domicile within Idaho; and a scholarship for dependents of Idaho's members of the military service who are disabled (totally and permanently from any employment) as a result of injuries incurred while engaged in the conflict in Iraq or Afghanistan.

VETERAN TO NURSE PROGRAM. This cohort option is an extension of the already-existing Practical Nursing program within the College of Technology. This program recognizes and awards credit for previous healthcare knowledge and experience gained by military veterans, and offers a veteran-friendly cohort-based bridge curriculum that will accelerate a veteran's progress to a nursing credential. Refer to <http://www2.isu.edu/ctech/vet-to-nurse/index.php> to learn more about this program.

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For questions or more information on Idaho's veteran education programs Contact Doug Jacobson, Veterans Education Coordinator, 351 Collins Road, Boise ID 83102 Tel: 208-780-1334/1331F.

Veteran Employment Benefits

Unemployment Insurance. As an ex-service member, it is your right to file for unemployment insurance benefits after you are released from military services. You may establish a valid unemployment insurance claim based on your military service if you completed your first full term of service and your separation was under honorable conditions. Under certain situations, a valid unemployment insurance claim may be established even if you have not completed your first full term of service. Eligibility will depend upon the reason you were separated from military service. Call a representative at (208) 332-8942, who can provide additional eligibility information. You must file a claim online at www.labor.idaho.gov/claimantportal.

Veterans Preference Points. Idaho Law provides Veterans preference points for individuals who have been in active service, other than active duty for training, of the United States as defined by Idaho Code, Title 65, Chapter 5, Section 502(6), & U.S.C Section 2108. (See specific eligibility information below). Veterans' preference points are also provided for individuals who have served on active duty in the armed services, have been discharged honorably, & who have a present service connected disability of 10% or more, or are a Purple Heart recipient. Veterans' preference points are added to the final passing score & may improve a Veterans position on a list of qualified candidates. The preference points added are used only for initial appointment & not for promotions, transfers, or reassignments. Veterans' preference requires public employers to provide additional consideration for eligible Veterans, but it does not guarantee the Veteran a job. To locate additional information inclusive of eligibility and points allowed refer to <http://www.labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idl/JobSeekers/VeteransServices/VeteransPreference.aspx>.

Employment Assistance. Idaho Department of Labor provides several services to Veterans & active duty military.

- Job Priority: Veterans receive priority in job search assistance and referrals.
- Priority in Training Programs: W.I.A., OJT, apprenticeships, etc.
- Veterans Representatives: Veterans trained and dedicated to help Veterans solve employment issues. To locate the veteran representative in your geographic area refer to <http://labor.idaho.gov/dnn/Default.aspx?TabID=1627&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>
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Go to <http://www.labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idl/JobSeekers/VeteransServices.aspx> for additional information.

Veteran Financial Benefits

Active Duty Pay. When stationed outside the State of Idaho, active duty personnel are exempt from Idaho state income tax.

Retired Military Pay. Retirement benefits paid by the United States to a retired member of the U.S. Military or the un-remarried widow of such member if the recipient is age 65 or older, or disabled and age 62 or older is deductible.

Financial Assistance. Provides up to a \$1,000 grant, in cases of extreme emergency, to wartime Veterans in need of assistance. Must have entered the military from Idaho, or lived within the state for at least 5 years. The event or emergency must have occurred within 90 days of the request.

Veteran Recreation Benefits

Idaho State Parks Veterans Pass. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) offers Veteran's Pass that waives all camping fees for Idaho veterans who are 100% service-related disabled. This pass, which is wallet size, is good for one camping site per eligible veteran for his/her family. All an eligible Idaho veteran will typically need to pay a reservation fee and any utility hookups.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses. Resident disabled American veterans may be eligible for reduced fees for licenses and tags. Nonresident disabled American veterans with a disability rating of 40 percent or more by Veterans Affairs are eligible for nonresident DAV reduced fees for licenses and tags.

Other State Veteran Benefits

Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. The State of Idaho's present veteran Cemetery is located on 76.5 acres adjacent to the Dry Creek Cemetery. The site is just North of Hill Road and East of Horseshoe bend Road. The Terteling Company donated approximately 40 acres in two parcels to the state and the remaining acreage was purchased from Dry Creek Cemetery District. The Cemetery was made possible by a grant from the Veterans Administration State Cemetery Grants Program and has funded 100% of the design, construction and equipment costs. This cemetery is located at 10100 Horseshoe Bend Road, Boise Idaho 83714. The cemetery director James Earp can be reached at (208) 780-1340/1341F or by email cemetery@veterans.idaho.gov. Its website is <http://www.veterans.idaho.gov/cemetery>. The Cemetery Administration Office is open Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Cemetery Grounds are open to visitors every day of the week from 8:00 AM to Sunset.

On 1 OCT 2018 Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced that the Idaho Division of Veterans Services (IDVS) has been notified that Idaho will be awarded a \$7.4 million grant in FY 2019 to establish a State Veterans Cemetery in Southeastern Idaho. This will be Idaho's third Veterans Cemetery, joining the current State Veterans Cemetery in Boise and the proposed National Rural Veterans Cemetery being constructed in Buhl. The new State Veterans Cemetery will be located

on 40 acres of farmland adjacent to State Hospital South in Blackfoot, Idaho. The initial phase of construction will develop up to 23 acres and include 500 preplaced crypts, 400 columbarium niches and 150 in-ground burial plots. The initial phase also would include construction of a main entrance, committal shelter, in-ground cremains burial areas, roads, a maintenance facility, an assembly area and supporting infrastructure. The project expects to break-ground by the summer of 2019.



View of the Boise cemetery during the Fall season

- **Internment eligibility:** Eligibility for interment in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. There is no requirement to be a resident of the State of Idaho. Interment fees for eligible Veterans are paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Associated funeral expenses and preparation are not included and are incurred by the Veteran's family or estate. Veterans and families are able to choose:
 - A columbarium niche, cremation inurnment that includes an inscribed, granite niche cover;
 - An in-ground, garden niche, cremation inurnment that includes a flush-to-the-ground inscribed, granite marker;
 - A scattering garden, set in a natural draw of the Boise foothills, that includes a location for an inscribed marker in memory of the deceased;
 - A full casket, in-ground interment that includes an inscribed, upright granite marker.
- **Military Honors.** Military Funeral Honors are coordinated by the Cemetery. Honors include the playing of Taps, folding of the flag and its presentation to the next-of-kin. An Honor Guard detail of at least two members of the Armed Services is provided for the interment service of the eligible Veteran.
- **Cemetery Volunteer.** To volunteer to be part of the Committal Services Volunteer Team download and complete the form at [Cemetery Volunteer Application](#).
- **Preauthorization.** Preauthorization allows a Veteran and spouse to establish in advance, their eligibility for interment at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. There is no cost for

pre-registration and it does not obligate the Veteran to be interred at the Cemetery. Preregistration is intended to simplify and assist the Veteran's next-of-kin at the time of death. To apply download the form at [Pre-Authorization Application](#). The key items for preauthorization are a copy of the Veteran's discharge papers and, for married Veterans, a copy of the marriage certificate which is valid in accordance with Idaho law.

- **Request for Burial / Inurnment.** At [Request for Burial / Inurnment](#) Instructions and the form for requesting interment at the time of need can be obtained. The Funeral Director can submit the completed application and copies of required documentation via email to: Cemetery@Veterans.Idaho.Gov or via fax to: 208-780-1341. Alternately, the Next-of-Kin can meet with the Cemetery Staff in person and we will assist you with the request form and other details for your loved one's interment. If you need further assistance, please call 208-780-1340. At [Checklist for Next-of-Kin](#) can be downloaded check list of tasks for next-of-kin regarding how to schedule a service, items to be completed before the day of the service, and the order of a service once the procession starts. It also includes a description of committal services.
- **Memorial Walk.** The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery Memorial Walk program provides support for the interment of indigent veterans. Bricks are available to individuals, groups and corporations for inscription for a donation of \$100 per brick. At [Request for Brick Inscription - Memorial Walk](#) can be downloaded the form for designating how you want the brick inscribed and how to pay for it.
- **Burial Payments.** Effective July 7, 2014 VA changed its monetary burial benefits regulations to simplify the program and pay eligible survivors more quickly and efficiently. These regulations now authorize VA to pay, without a written application, most eligible surviving spouses basic monetary burial benefits at the maximum amount authorized in law through automated systems rather than reimbursing them for actual costs incurred.
 - **Service-Related Death.** VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.
 - **Nonservice-Related Death.** VA will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses for deaths on or after October 1, 2011 (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$700 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance. For deaths on or after April 1, 1988 but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (for Veterans hospitalized by VA at the time of death). An annual increase in burial and plot

allowances for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011 begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

- **Compensation.** Refer to <http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp> for Eligibility/Evidence requirements and how to apply for payment.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Veteran Services

1. **License Plates.** \$15 dollars from each new veteran's license plate and \$5 dollars from each renewal goes to the operation and maintenance for the veterans Cemetery. All license plates and registration information can be obtained at: www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv. Go to www.accessidaho.org/secure/itd/personalized/plates.html?ScriptForm.startstep=type to view plates for military. In addition to vehicle registration fees, this customized plate will cost \$50.00 for the first year with a \$30.00 renewal fee each year thereafter. Souvenir plates may be purchased for \$21.00. For vehicle registration, this plate type requires documentation of military service (copy of DD-214 or equivalent). The following Veterans Specialty Licenses Plates are available through the Idaho Department of Transportation:

➤ **Reservists**

- [Air Force Reserve](#) - for souvenirs only
- [Army Reserve](#) - for souvenirs only
- [Coast Guard Reserve](#) - for souvenirs only
- [Marines Reserve](#) - for souvenirs only
- [Navy Reserve](#) - for souvenirs only

➤ **Air Force**

- [Air Force Veteran](#)
- [Air Force Veteran Afghanistan/Iraq](#)
- [Air Force Veteran Korea](#)
- [Air Force Veteran Persian Gulf](#)
- [Air Force Veteran Vietnam](#)
- [Air Force Veteran World War II](#)

➤ **Army**

- [Army Veteran](#)
- [Army Veteran Afghanistan/Iraq](#)
- [Army Veteran Korea](#)
- [Army Veteran Persian Gulf](#)
- [Army Veteran Vietnam](#)
- [Army Veteran World War II](#)

➤ **Coast Guard**

- [Coast Guard Veteran](#)
- [Coast Guard Veteran Afghanistan/Iraq](#)
- [Coast Guard Veteran Korea](#)
- [Coast Guard Veteran Persian Gulf](#)
- [Coast Guard Veteran Vietnam](#)
- [Coast Guard Veteran World War II](#)

- **Marines**
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- **Navy**
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 - [Navy Veteran Vietnam](#)
 - [Navy Veteran World War II](#)

- **Other Military Plates**
 - [Gold Star Family](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [Medal of Honor](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [National Guard](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW Korea](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW Persian Gulf](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW USS Pueblo](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW Vietnam](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW World War I](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [POW World War II](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [Pearl Harbor Survivor](#) - for souvenirs only
 - [Purple Heart](#) - for souvenirs only

2. **Drivers License.** If the expiration date printed on your license is more than 25 months away, and you anticipate being on active duty or out of state when your license expires, you can download an extension of Idaho drivers license application form and submit the extension form to the Idaho DMV within six months—preferably no later than two months—prior to your license's expiration date. As an active member of the military, you can extend your Idaho driver's license for four years.

3. **Driving Skills Test.** The Idaho Transportation Department provides an exemption from the requirement to take a skills test with a CDL Examiner for persons with experience operating heavy duty trucks while in military service. This exemption is for the skills test portion of CDL licensure only; the Military member must still take and pass written (knowledge) tests before the CDL will be issued. The applicant must possess a valid Idaho Driver's License at the time of application, and heavy vehicle driving experience must be current (within two years of date of application). Application for this waiver must be made to ITD within 90 days of separation from Military Service. Interested persons should contact the CDL Specialist at (208) 334-8294 for application instructions.

- 4. Professional Licenses.** All persons holding occupational or professional licenses issued by the State of Idaho and who are serving in the armed forces of the United States, shall be exempt from the payment of any professional or occupational license or renewal fee required by any law of this state for the period during which such persons shall be engaged in the military services of the United States. And during such period of military service, or service in the auxiliary branches thereof, or servitude and for six (6) months following the discharge from such military service or auxiliary service or servitude in the present war, such license shall remain in good standing without the necessity of renewal and during said period the same shall not be cancelled, suspended or revoked.

Homeless Veteran Programs.

Health and Medical Programs for Homeless Vets

[Boise VA Medical Center](#) 500 Fort Street Boise, ID 83702 208-422-1000

[Dirne Community Health Center, Inc](#) Coeur d'Alene

- Dirne Health Centers offers services to those experiencing homelessness in Kootenai County and the surrounding area through an integrated HCH/CHC program utilizing outreach & case management.
- Dirne Family Practice 1090 Park Place Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 Phone: (208) 292-0292

[Rathdrum Clinic](#) 14775 Kimo Court Rathdrum, ID 83858 Phone: (208) 687-5627

[Terry Reilly Health Services](#) Treasure Valley - 211 16th Ave North, Nampa, ID 83651 Phone: 208-467-4431. The Terry Reilly Health Care for the Homeless Project serves persons who are homeless in Ada and Canyon Counties.

Contacts

Boise VA Medical Center, Homeless Veterans Programs

Contact Name: David Herring - Address: 500 West Fort Street Building 114, Boise, Idaho 83702 Phone: [local] 208-422-1000 or [national] 877-4AID-VET, or 877-424-3838 Email: david.herring@va.gov. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Web: <https://www.boise.va.gov/services/homeless> and <http://www.va.gov/homeless>

Boise Rescue Mission

Executive Director's Name: Rev. Bill Roscoe - Main Address: PO Box 1494, Boise, Idaho 83701 Phone: 208-343-2389 Email: info@boiserm.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it Web: <http://www.boiserm.org/#/needhelp/veterans>.

El-Ada Community Action Partnership, Inc.

Contact Name: Dalynn Kuster - Address: 2250 S. Vista Ave., Boise, Idaho 83704 Phone:208-345-2820 Email: dkuster@cablone.net. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it Web: <http://www.eladacap.org>

Supportive Housing And Innovative Partnerships, Inc.

Contact Name: N/A. Address - 1405 W. Grove Street, Boise, Idaho 83707 Phone: 208-331-0900 Email: Web: <http://www.shipinc.org>

St. Vincent De Paul North Idaho

Contact Name: N/A. Address: 201 E. Harrison, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 Phone: 208-664-3095 Web: <http://stvincentdepaulcda.org>

Sojourners' Alliance

Contact Name: Steve Bonnar - 627 N. Van Buren, Moscow, Idaho 83843 Phone: 208-883-3438 Web: <http://sojournersalliance.org>

Aid For Friends

Contact Name: N/A. Address: 653 S. 4th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 Phone: 208-232-5669 Web: <http://aidforfriendspocatello.org>

Seicaa Veterans Services

Contact Name: Ken Callahan - Address: 641 N. 8th Ave, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 Phone:208-232-1114 ext. 145 Email: vets@seicca.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it Web: <http://www.seicca.org/crisis-services/veteran-s-housing>

Veteran Advocacy

The Office of Veterans Advocacy is a full-service state agency that helps veterans, their family members and survivors. As an advocate they aggressively pursue all federal and state benefits and entitlements on veterans behalf. Their staff are qualified benefits specialists trained to help veterans and families gain benefits they are entitled to. They provide counseling and referral services to individuals and families, and provide veterans with current, accurate information on the entire range of issues associated with veterans' benefits and entitlements. This service is available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Messages may be left 24 hours a day. Refer to <https://www.livebetteridaho.org/help-with-veterans-benefits> to locate your nearest VSO's location and contact info.

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[Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/idaho-state-veterans-benefits.html> & <http://veterans.idaho.gov> | January 2019 ++]

