



Executive Order 2014-12

ESTABLISHING THE INCARCERATED VETERANS REINTEGRATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, according to a recent report by the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 10 percent of prison inmates nationally are veterans;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicates that approximately 9.4 percent of Nevada's inmates are veterans;

WHEREAS, veterans face the same re-entry challenges as others who are reintegrating from incarceration; however, incarcerated and reintegrating veterans are eligible for extensive re-entry services from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including treatment programs and transitional housing services;

WHEREAS, some organizations have called for the establishment of a "Veteran's Re-entry Court," while some states have created veteran-only units within their state corrections facilities, and still others are implementing various other methods to assist veterans in their transition out of prison;

WHEREAS, there are currently over 100 Veteran Treatment Courts nationally, and, in 2009, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 187 which authorized the establishment of veteran court programs for certain offenders who are veterans or members of the military;

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada should continue to build upon these efforts by increasing collaboration between local, state, federal, and non-profit agencies and improving coordination of services offered to incarcerated veterans so as to provide support for their successful reintegration;

WHEREAS, 2014 is the "Year of the Veteran"; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order:

1. The Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council ("Council") is hereby created.
2. The Council shall make recommendations in a report to the Governor examining how to better assist Nevada's incarcerated veterans in successfully reintegrating, how the Nevada Department of Corrections can maximize resources available through the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, and the availability of other services, resources or programs which could assist transitioning veterans.
3. The Council's report shall be submitted to the Governor on or before August 15, 2014. The Council shall cease to exist upon the submission of that report.

4. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall include no more than 12 members and be composed of principals or representatives from the following entities, in either an appointed or advisory capacity:
- Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections;
 - Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services;
 - Office of the Governor;
 - Nevada Department of Corrections Re-Entry Program;
 - Federal VA Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program;
 - Provost Marshal, Nevada National Guard;
 - Parole Re-entry Services, Nevada Parole and Probation;
 - Veterans or Specialty Court;
 - Veteran Incarcerated Committee from the Vietnam Veterans of America;
 - Non-Profit Service Providers; and
 - Any other member whom the Governor may deem necessary.
5. The Council shall be headed by a chair and vice-chair, to be appointed by the Governor.
6. All meetings shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law as codified in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241.
7. The Nevada Department of Corrections shall provide administrative support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 12th day of May, in the year two thousand fourteen.



Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State