

# VETERANS' RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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# MINI-CASSIA VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE CHUCK DRISCOLL, VSO

LOCATED AT: 625 FREMONT AVENUE RUPERT, IDAHO 83350 208-678-3599 208-670-3321 (EMERGENCY) MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 545, BURLEY, IDAHO 83318

#### **CRISIS LINES**

Military and Veteran Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255 (TALK)
Chat on the Crisis Line	www.veteranscrisisline.net
Deaf or Hard of Hearing on the Crisis Line	1-800-799-4889
Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233
Elder Abuse Hotline	1-800-677-1116
Medicaid Hotline	1-855-202-0973
Suicide Information Hotline	1-800-784-2433
Text to the Crisis Line	838255
Vet to Vet Assistance	1-888-777-4443

#### AGING

Office on Aging......208-736-2122 315 Falls Ave, Twin Falls, ID Hours: M-F, 8-4:30, Closed 12-1

#### **BEHAVIOR HEALTH CRISIS CENTER**

Crisis Center of South Central Idaho.....1-866-737-1128 (toll free) 570 Shoup Ave. W, Twin Falls, ID

#### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

VA Caregiver Support......1-855-260-3274 (toll free) <u>www.caregiver.va.gov</u> Interlink Volunteer Caregivers......208-733-6333 459 Locust St N, Twin Falls, ID

#### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

#### **DENTAL SERVICES**

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

South Central Community Action Partnership Kayleen Benedictus......208-736-0676 kayleen@sccap-id.org

# FAMILY STABILIZATION SERVICES

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Center for New Directions (budgeting he	elp)208-732-6688
315 Falls Ave., Taylor Bldg, Rm17	74C, Twin Falls, ID
Hours: M-F, 8-5	
Child Support Services	1-800-356-9868
Rural Dynamic (credit counseling)	

# FOOD ASSISTANCE

Burley Office of Health and Welfare Dept208-678-0974	
2241 Overland Ave., Burley, ID Hours M-F, 8-5	
Community Council of Idaho (GED)208-878-1171	
437 East 13th Street, Burley, ID Hours: M-F, 8-5	
Golden Heritage Senior Center208-878-8646	
2421 Overland, Burley, ID Hours: M-F, 8-2	
Helping Hands Mission208-878-9140	
1250 Miller Ave, Burley, ID Hours: M-F, 10-5	
La Posada208-734-8700	
355 4th Ave W, Twin Falls, ID Hours: M-F, 9-5	
Little Flower Catholic Church208-678-5453	
1601 Oakley Ave, Burley, ID Hours: M-F, 9-12	
Open Hearts Food Pantry208-436-3354	
605 H St, Rupert, ID Hours: M & W, 11-1	
Mustard Seed208-733-9515	
702 Main Ave N, Twin Falls, ID Hours: M-Th, 1-4	
Rupert Senior Center	
702 11th St, Rupert, ID Hours: M-F, 9-3	
Salvation Army208-733-8720	
348 4th Ave N, Twin Falls, ID Hours: M-F, 9-5	
South Central Community Action Partnership	
Burley208-678-3514	
314 East 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Burley, ID	

# HOMELESSNESS

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans...1-877-424-3838 (4AID.VET) Homeless Veterans Fellowship (Ogden, UT)....1-801-689-1516 Idaho Housing and Finance......208-734-8531 844 Washington St N, Twin Falls, ID

# **HOSPITALS/EMERGENCY ROOMS**

Cassia Regional Medical Center	208-678-4444
1501 Hiland Ave, Burley, ID	
Minidoka Memorial Hospital	208-436-0481
1224 8th St, Rupert, ID	
St Lukes Medical Center	208-814-1000
801 Pole Line Rd W, Twin Falls, ID	

# HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Deseret Industries	
295 N Overland Ave, Burley, ID	Hours: M 10-6, T-S 10-7
Habitat for Humanity	
639 Eastland Dr S, Twin Falls, II	)
Hud-Vash	
450 Falls Ave, Ste 180, Twin Falls, ID	
Idaho Housing and Finance	
844 Washington St N, Twin Falls	, ID
Paul Housing Authority	
140 S400 W, Rupert, ID Hours M-F, 9-5	
South Central Community Action Partnership—Self Help	
Jill Sprinkle	208-733-9351 ext. 1015
jill@sccap-id.org	



#### **INDIGENT SERVICES**

Burley Office of Health and Welfare Dept......208-678-0974 2241 Overland Ave., Burley, ID Hours M-F 8-5 Cassia County—Susan M. Keck......208-878-5240 ext. 229 <u>skeck@cassiacounty.org</u>

#### **JOB TRAINING**

Community Council of Idaho......208-878-1171 437 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Burley, ID Hours: M-F 8-5 Idaho Department of Labor (Mini-Cassia)......208-678-5518 127 W 5<sup>th</sup> St N, Burley, ID Hours: M-F, 8-5

#### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

#### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Burley Office of Health and Welfare Dept......208-678-0974 2241 Overland Ave., Burley, ID Hours M-F 8-5

#### **MILITARY ID CARD**

Army National Guard......208-272-7018 1069 Frontier Rd., Twin Falls, ID

#### **RENT ASSISTANCE**

#### SHELTERS/HALFWAY HOUSES

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Alcoholics Anonymous	
Canyon View Hospital	
Cocaine Anonymous	
Marijuana Anonymous	1-800-766-6779
Narcotics Anonymous	
Walker Center	



# SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous	
Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group	
Anxiety Support Group	
Bariatric Support Group	208-381-3641
Breast Cancer Support Group	208-727-8733
Caregiver Support Group	208-736-2122
Christian 12-Step Codependency	208-733-6128
Voices Against Violence	
American Diabetes Association	1-800-342-2383
Divorce Care	208-733-6128
Gambling Anonymous	208-736-0918
Grandparents as Parents	208-736-2122
Grief Share	208-733-6128
Over-Comers Outreach	208-878-7618
Parkinson's Exercise Classes	208-814-2570
Recovery for Life	208-733-6128
Veteran Support Group	208-733-6128
Widowed Wellness Program	208-736-2122

# TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS TO BOISE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Mini-Cassia VSO......208-678-3599

# **TWIN FALLS CBOC**

Location: 260 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301-6242		
Phone: 208-73	2-0959	
Facility Hours of	Operation: Monday: 7:30am-4:30pm	
Tuesday:	7:30am-4:30pm	
Wednesday:	7:30am-4:30pm	
Thursday:	7:30am-4:30pm	
Friday:	7:30am-4:30pm	
Saturday:	Closed	
Sunday:	Closed	
Call them for the following issues: Appointments, referrals, billing questions		

# **US CONGRESSMEN FROM IDAHO**

Senator Jim Risch	208-734-6780
Senator Mike Crapo	208-734-2515
Representative Mike Simpson	208-734-7219

# **VA MEDICAL CENTER IN BOISE**

Boise VA Tele	phone Numbers:	
Audiolo	gy	
Enrollm	nent/Eligibility	
		208-422-1220
		208-422-1224
Optome	etry	
Travel F	Pay	
Pharma	.cy	

# **VETERANS' NURSING HOMES**

STATE VETERANS' HOME – BOISE Rick Holloway, Home Administrator.....208-780-1600 320 Collins Rd, Boise, ID STATE VETERANS' HOME – POCATELLO Josiah Dahlstrom, Home Administrator.208-235-7800 1957 Alvin Ricken Dr, Pocatello, ID STATE VETERANS' HOME – LEWISTON Mark High, Home Administrator......208-750-3600 821 21<sup>st</sup> Ave, Lewiston, ID

# **VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS (LOCAL)**

AM-VETS, Post 833 Larry Cottom, Commander......208-670-5374 PO Box 545, Burley, ID E-mail: <u>amvet833@gmail.com</u> Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month

#### VETERANS' LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS (CON)

American Legion, Post 10 Commander Gerry Holbrook......208-436-6687 85 S 200 W, Rupert, ID (Rupert Elks) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month American Legion, Post 17 Adjutant: Alex Martinez......208-219-8225 1501 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID (Post Home) Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month American Legion, Post 77 123 Wayne Street, Paul, ID (Post Home) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month American Legion, Post 124 Commander: Ron Beedle......208-312-0075 Grange Hall, Albion, ID Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month American Legion, Post 144 Commander: Don Henderson......208-431-7991 PO Box 198, Declo, ID Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month DAV Commander: Harley Goodwin......208-678-1313 Mini-Cassia Veterans' Group Commander: Larry Cottom......208-670-5374 PO Box 545, Burley, ID Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander: Clark Dickson......208-650-9652 554 Hiland Ave. Burley, ID (Post Home) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month Vietnam Veterans Contact Person: Larry Cottom......208-670-5370 PO Box 545, Burley, ID No meetings at this time

# WEATHERIZATION (HOME)

South Central Community Action Partnership Rod Burk......208-733-9351 <u>Rod@sccap-id.org</u>

# **WOMEN'S VA SERVICES**

# **WOUNDED WARRIOR RESOURCES**

Wounded Warrior Resource Center.....1-800-342-9647

# **IMPORTANT FACTS FOR VETERANS**

CHECKLIST TO FILE CLAIM:

- Bring a copy of your DD 214 and evidence that supports your claim. Never assume the VA has the necessary information on file.
- Be sure your VA file number is included on every page of your correspondence and documentation. Respond quickly and completely to the VA's request for further information.
- Keep all scheduled medical appointments.
- Notify the VA immediately if your address or phone number changes. Online through your local VSO office.
- Know your service dates and Social Security number. If you are a spouse of a deceased veteran, you should know this information, along with any previous marital status of your veteran.
- Be prepared to provide a voided check or Banking Account and Routing Numbers to setup direct deposit for any VA payment.

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### DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is the primary monthly monetary benefit payable to surviving dependents of a deceased veteran, and is the monetary benefit to disability compensation for veterans.

This benefit is payable if the veteran died on active duty or in the line of duty and the death was not due to willful misconduct. Or, if death was after service, the death was caused by or attributed to a service connected disability, or, if service member was rated 100% compensation for certain statue time limits.

The current basic monthly rate varies from year to year. Contact your local VSO for current rates. The rate is increased for each dependent child, and also if the surviving spouse is housebound or in need of aid and attendance. VA also adds a transitional benefit to the surviving spouse's monthly DIC if there are children under age 18. The amount is based on a family unit, not individual children.

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# PRESUMPTIVE HEALTH CONDITIONS

There are three categories in which veterans may qualify for service-connected disability based on a condition to be presumed by military service. These groups are:

- veterans who were diagnosed with a chronic disease such as arthritis, diabetes, or hypertension within one year of being released from active duty;
- veterans diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) anytime after discharge of service and have at least 90 days of continuous service; and
- veterans who served in the conflicts/geographic regions associated with specific exposures and have been diagnosed with specific diseases. For more information on presumptive health conditions, please contact a VSO.

FORMER POW'S Imprisoned for not less than 30 days and a disability of at least 10 percent disabling.

VIETNAM VETERANS [Exposed to Agent Orange] Served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

ATOMIC VETERANS [Exposed to Ionizing Radiation] Participated in atmospheric nuclear testing; occupied or was a POW in Hiroshima or Nagasaki; service before Feb. 1, 1992 at diffusion plant in Paducah, KY, Portsmouth, OH, or Oak Ridge, TN; or service before Jan. 1, 1974 at Amchitka Island, AK.

GULF WAR VETERANS served in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations during the Gulf Wars with conditions that are medically unexplained, including chronic multi-symptom illnesses defined by a cluster of signs or symptoms that have existed for six months or more.

CAMP LEJEUNE [Exposure to Contaminated Drinking Water at Camp Lejeune] EFFECTIVE 14 MARCH 2017.

The VA has established a presumptive service connection for Veterans, Reservists, and National Guard members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987 who later developed one of the following eight diseases:

- Adult Leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder Cancer
- Kidney Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease

Presently, these conditions are the only ones for which there is sufficient scientific and medical evidence to support the creation of presumptions; however, VA will continue to review relevant information as it becomes available.

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#### DEATH PENSIONS SURVIVORS PENSION

The Survivors "Death" Pension benefit, is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child (children) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service. The deceased Veteran must have met certain active duty and war time service requirements as well as was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions. Survivors Pension is based on your yearly family income, which must be less than the amount set by Congress and net worth may not be excessive to qualify. While an un-remarried spouse is eligible at any age, a child of a deceased wartime Veteran must be: Under 18, OR Under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, OR Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18. Learn more about survivor pension benefits at: https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/spousepen.asp

BURIAL BENEFITS Dependents and surviving spouses of an eligible veteran are eligible to be buried in national cemeteries. When a death occurs and eligibility for interment in a national cemetery is determined, grave space is assigned by the cemetery director in the name of the veteran or family member. One gravesite is permitted for the interment of all eligible family members, unless soil conditions or the number of family decedents necessitate more than one grave. There is no charge for burial in a national cemetery. See Page 37 for more information on Burial Benefits.

HEADSTONES AND MARKERS Spouses and dependents are not eligible for a Government furnished headstone or marker unless they are buried in a national cemetery, state veteran's cemetery, or military post/ base cemetery.

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