MISSION STATEMENT

To collectively provide, to the Veteran Offender within the Criminal Justice System in New Jersey, a holistic approach that addresses the needs of the Veteran, linking them to the services and the benefits to which they are entitled, to help them successfully reintegrate while decreasing recidivism, containing costs and ensuring public safety.
Why implement a Veteran Offender Initiative?

As Veterans they have earned and are entitled to our respect and support.

It’s the right thing to do.
Coming Home: 900,000 Returning Veterans

Multiple Tours of Duty
Rigors of Combat in a New Era
Higher rate of PTSD
TBI as a result of IEDs
Joblessness and low wages
Lots of Efforts in Lots of Places

VA
DMAVA
Vet Clinics
Vet Centers
Veterans Courts
Veterans Justice Outreach
Veterans Initiatives
Nationally
9% or 140,000

Of All Those Incarcerated
are Veterans

Gains Center Report
BJS 2010
CURRENT NJ STATS

COUNTY JAILS - (14,000)
PROBATION - (55,000)
PRISON - (24,000)
PAROLE (15,500)
FEDERAL PROBATION (2,500)

9% = 9,990

NJ Veteran Offenders
In 2010, Federal, State and Local Governments spent over $50 Billion on corrections. The 9% Veteran population could impact these budgets by over $4.5 Billion.

VERA Institute – July 2012
VETERAN OFFENDER NEEDS

- Housing
- Clothing/Food
- Family Support (DV)
- Medical Care
- Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Legal Services
- Education
- Training
- Employment Assistance
- Transportation
- Substance Abuse
STAKEHOLDERS

**American Legion** – Provide mentoring and referrals for local Veteran Offenders.

**AOC (Probation)** – Identify Veterans Offenders under supervision, refer to Veteran Support services.

**Coalition of Community Corrections Providers** – State Parole and DOC contracted partners continue to identify Veteran Offenders and make referrals to community-based service providers.

**Federal Bureau of Prisons** – Identify Veteran Offenders coming home to NJ and help with processing.
**STAKEHOLDERS**

**Federal Probation** – Identify Veteran Offenders under supervision, refer to Veterans Support services, (PTSD study).

**NJ Association of Chiefs of Police** – Primary points of contact for all entry into CJS, identify Veteran Offenders and make referrals using appropriate discretion.

**NJ County Prosecutors** – Identify and consider Veterans status in prosecutions and recommendations for sentencing of Veteran Offenders.
STAKEHOLDERS

NJ DOC – Identify Veteran Offenders and make connections to Veterans services, (Social Security, Birth Certificate, I.D.).

NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services – Collect and coordinate data on health services to the Veteran Offender.

NJ Dept. Human Services – Provide services (specifically Substance Abuse and Mental Health), to Veteran Offenders at multiple points within the CJS experience.

NJ Dept. of Military and Veteran Affairs – Coordinate referrals to local services for Veteran Offenders (e.g. County Veterans Service Organizations). Operation of Veterans Haven (North) and Veterans Haven (South).
STAKEHOLDERS

NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development – Provide Veteran Offenders with priority services through local ONE-STOP Career Centers. Trained Veteran Interviewers and DVOP Interviewers for Disabled Veterans.

NJ Institute for Social Justice – Assist Veteran Offender with legal services related to appeals of discharge status, employment discrimination, Drivers License reinstatement etc.

NJ Office of Information Technology – Warehouse data and information from DOC, SPB, LWD and LPS.

NJ State Parole Board – SPB staff member to coordinate Released Veteran Offender Project. Develop and sustain Community Outreach and Resource Networks.
STAKEHOLDERS

NJ Sheriffs Association – Identify Veteran Offenders within their jurisdiction and make referrals for services.

NJ Wardens Association – Identify Veteran Offenders in the County Jails and make referrals for services upon release.

Office of the Attorney General – Partner in all reentry and community justice initiatives.

Office of the Governor – Endorse and provide support to Veteran Offender Initiative.*
STAKEHOLDERS

Pentagon – Col. Christopher Philbrick, Deputy Director, Health Promotion Risk Reduction Task Force; Office of the Army Vice Chief of Staff; Pentagon, Washington DC – Recognizes and validates the Released Veteran Offender Project.

Reentry Task Force Members – Provide range of referral services available within their respective communities to assist the Veteran Offenders.

Rutgers School of Criminal Justice – Support data collection and outcome studies for the Released Veteran Offender Project and house Coordinator.

Sansone Auto Group – Veteran owned business hiring Veteran Offenders.
STAKEHOLDERS

UMDNJ – NJ VET2VET (1-866-VETS-NJ-4) Provide support to Veterans 24/7/365.

US Attorneys Office – Identify and consider Veterans status in prosecutions and recommendations for sentencing for Veteran Offenders, (Note: is a member of the US Attorney General’s National Reentry Task Force.

Volunteers of America Delaware Valley - Not-for-Profit with avowed interest in service to the Veteran Offender in NJ. “Home for the Brave” Residential Treatment Program opening in 2012.
NJVET2VET Hotline

Collaboration between:

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)
University Behavioral Healthcare
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

1-866-838-7654 (1-866-VETS-NJ-4) is a 24 hour/7-day a week helpline coordinated by UMDNJ-University Behavioral HealthCare.

Features peer counseling, clinical assessments, and assistance to family members.

Provides New Jersey Veterans and their families with access to a comprehensive support network of mental health professionals who specialize in issues specific to Veterans returning to civilian life.
You answered the call of duty... we answer the call for you.

Veterans of New Jersey, re-entry to civilian life can be stressful for you and your family.

Call 1-866-VETS-NJ-4
1-866-838-7654
A free, confidential service available to all Veterans.

Since Returning from Active Duty, are you...

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If you answered yes to any of these, you feel it’s impacting your daily ability to function, give us a call.

Our free, confidential services is available to all Veterans
Just call 1-866-VETS-NJ-4 (1-866-838-7654)

www.njveteranshelpline.org
VETS4WARRIORS Hotline

Similar to COP2COP and VET2VET

Funded by the Department of Defense

Toll free peer support line 1-855-838-8255 (1-855-VET-TALK) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for National Guard and Reserve service members.

Veteran Peer Support

Peer Counselors are all military veterans

Ongoing Support and follow up when you need us to do so.

A Wide Range of Referrals and assistance with legal, housing, medical, psychological and other needs.
NJSPB will provide training, specific to the issues, services, benefits and resources related to Veterans, to SPB staff including:

- Parole Board Members (Veteran Board Panel)
- Hearing Officers
- Parole Counselors and Institutional Parole Officers
- Division of Parole Sworn Staff
- Our Partners
Role of the NJSPB Veterans Coordinator

Veteran Offender Reentry Hotline
American Legion Liaison
Job Fairs/Hiring Our Heroes
Housing/Housing our Heroes
Veteran Mental Health Services
USVA Services Liaison
Law Enforcement Training
OPERATION VETERAN REENTRY

Initial Program begins in Ocean County

Participating American Legion Posts:

Post 194 Burlington
Post 258 Atlantic
Post 251 Essex
Post 157 Sussex
POST 471 Middlesex

330 American Legion Posts in the State of New Jersey
OPERATION VETERAN REENTRY

Initial Project in Ocean County

Veteran offenders will be given:
- Access to American Legion mentoring/support.
- Employment opportunities with veteran owned businesses.
- Community Reentry Task Force assistance.
- Direct linkage to Department of Labor & Workforce Development’s ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER.
- Access/knowledge to Legal Services (NJISJ).
- Referral assistance US Veterans Administration.
- Direct case management assistance.
OPERATION VETERAN REENTRY

Veteran Offender Reentry Project cont.

NJSPB and Rutgers to collect and track data on Veteran offenders as it relates to:

- Status verification – DD214- honorable, less than honorable discharge from military service.
- Services/benefits received.
- Mental health/medical referrals.
- Recidivism.
- Housing, Employment, and Training.
- Non-Veterans.
Military Status and Records Request

- DD214 web site:
  http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

SPB Website:
www.state.nj.us/parole/veterans.html

DD 214 Records Request forms

NJ DMAVA Veteran Service Offices

USVA Guidebook for Veteran Reentry

VeteranReentry@spb.state.nj.us  Veteran Hotline
Start Your Military Service Record Request (DD Form 214 & SF-180)

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records several ways.

Use the following to request veterans' service records from WWI - Present.

(Looking for Pre-WWI Service Records?)

Launch the eVetRecs System to start your request Online.
Download form SF-180 to Mail or Fax your request.

Online Requests Using eVetRecs

Our online eVetRecs system creates a customized order form to request information from your, or your relative's, military personnel records. You may use this system if you are:

- A military veteran, or
- Next of kin of a deceased, former member of the military. The next of kin can be any of the following:
  - Surviving spouse that has not remarried
  - Father
  - Mother
  - Son
  - Daughter
  - Sister
  - Brother

If you are not the veteran or next of kin, you must complete the Standard Form 180 (SF 180). See Access to Military Records by the General Public for more details.

Use the link at the top of this page to get started using eVetRecs or visit eVetRecs Help and FAQ to learn more.
SUMMARY

Goals of the initiative are to:

**Identify** all Veteran Offenders within the Criminal Justice System in NJ.

**Verify** their discharge status and assist with obtaining their DD214.

**Provide** access to community based services and benefits to which Veterans are entitled.
For additional information regarding The New Jersey State Parole Board’s Veteran’s Re-entry program contact:

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