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<p><b>Boise State University</b>  <i>Veteran Services Office</i></p>	<p>Lori Sprague, Coordinator of Veteran Services (208) 426-3744  <a href="mailto:VeteranServices@boisestate.edu">VeteranServices@boisestate.edu</a></p>	<p>The Veteran Services Office is located in the Lincoln Garage, at the corner of University and Lincoln, co-located with the Disability Resource Center, Vet Success and the Wyakin Warriors Foundation (see separate listings for their services). There is a Veterans lounge which consists of a pool table, ping pong table setup, study areas to utilize Wi-Fi with your laptop, a large screen television to watch Netflix; is a computer lab which consists of 4 computers and a printer to print off 15 pages for free a week.</p> <p>Boise State is also a participant in the VA Yellow-Ribbon program which provides matching funds (along with the VA) to GI Bill recipients with unmet financial need to help with a portion of the non-resident fees. There are other options available for Veterans, or Dependents of Veterans, while using benefits if they are either active duty or are using their benefits within less than 3 years after being discharged from the military.</p>	<p>Student Veterans and/or dependents apply directly to the VA for approval into their appropriate educational benefit package, and then work with Veteran Services each semester to certify their enrollment, allowing the flow of benefits either to initially start or to continue to flow from term to term.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://veterans.boisestate.edu/">http://veterans.boisestate.edu/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:VeteranServices@boisestate.edu">VeteranServices@boisestate.edu</a></p> <p>Veteran Services is located in the Lincoln Garage, at the corner of University and Lincoln.</p>
<p><b>Boise State University</b>  <i>Wyakin Warrior Foundation</i></p>	<p>Scott Tagg/George Nickel <a href="mailto:ScottTagg@wyakin.org">ScottTagg@wyakin.org</a> <a href="mailto:GeorgeNickel@wyakin.org">GeorgeNickel@wyakin.org</a>  <a href="http://www.wyakin.org">www.wyakin.org</a></p>	<p>Boise State Veteran Services Office has partnered with the Wyakin Warrior Foundation to provide service to Boise State students Veterans. Wyakin Warrior Foundation is a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization providing a full-spectrum education and professional development program for wounded, injured, or ill Post 9/11 veterans, designed for collegiate success and resulting in a rewarding career after graduation. Also known as the Wyakin Wounded Warrior Academy™, the program provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-faceted mentoring program individually-tailored to meet each Warrior's unique needs.</li> <li>• Professional Development – Individual Development Plans by which staff and volunteers help mentor and coach the warriors toward their goals; and monthly seminars by leaders in business, government, and community service fields.</li> <li>• Educational/Financial support complementing the GI Bill or Vocational Rehabilitation.</li> <li>• Community Service – To demonstrate opportunity and ability to become servant leaders and role models through the completion of a Community Service Project.</li> <li>• Robust Networking designed to facilitate job placement.</li> <li>• Annual proactive follow up to monitor, and assist if necessary, personal and professional situations (Wyakin Warrior for Life).</li> </ul>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.wyakin.org/">http://www.wyakin.org/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@wyakin.org">info@wyakin.org</a> or <a href="mailto:George.Nickel@wyakin.org">George.Nickel@wyakin.org</a></p> <p>The Wyakin Warrior Foundation is co-located with Veteran Services in the Lincoln Garage, at the corner of University and Lincoln.</p>

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<p><b>Boise State University</b></p> <p>Disability Resource Center</p>	<p>Wendy Turner, Director (208) 426-1583</p> <p><a href="mailto:DRCInfo@boisestate.edu">DRCInfo@boisestate.edu</a></p>	<p>The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is responsible for ensuring that Boise State maintains an educationally and physically open, accessible environment for students with disabilities. The Disability Resource Center helps Boise State achieve its goal of embracing diversity by providing access and facilitating independence.</p>	<p>If you are a student with a disability and need accommodations to fully access your classes and/or campus housing, please click on the Request Services icon on the DRC website to complete the Request for Services form. You will receive an e-mail verification that your Request for Services form has been received and an invitation to call the DRC to set up an intake appointment with an Educational Access Coordinator.</p> <p>You may upload your documentation of your disability when you have completed your Request for Services form, or you may bring your documentation with you to your intake appointment.</p> <p>Feel free to contact us with any questions.</p> <p>The DRC is co-located with Veteran Services in the Lincoln Garage, at the corner of University and Lincoln.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://drc.boisestate.edu">http://drc.boisestate.edu</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:DRCInfo@boisestate.edu">DRCInfo@boisestate.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Boise State University</b></p> <p>Military Science/Army ROTC</p>	<p>LTC Tim Slemp (208) 426-3500</p> <p><a href="mailto:armyrotc@boisestate.edu">armyrotc@boisestate.edu</a></p>	<p>Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) is a comprehensive Army leadership course offered on the Boise State University campus. During classes, leadership labs, physical training and field training exercises, students will learn firsthand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups, and conduct operational missions as an Army Officer. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, students will be commissioned in the Active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant and remain a leader for life. The curriculum is a combination of classroom instruction of basic leadership, management, oral &amp; written communication skills; physical training, counseling, map reading and tactics with hands-on laboratory participation both indoors and outdoors. We build rope bridges,</p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://sps.boisestate.edu/militaryscience/">http://sps.boisestate.edu/militaryscience/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:armyrotc@boisestate.edu">armyrotc@boisestate.edu</a></p> <p>Interested students can contact the Military Science/Army ROTC department, which is located in Taco Bell Arena between Entrance 3 and the new Arguinchona Basketball Complex through the two blue double doors and up the stairs, or by the listed e-mail or phone number (208) 426-3500.</p>

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		conduct land navigation exercises, rappel, have paint ball battles, conduct first aid training, set-up a tactical field site, lead each other, and study basic soldier tactics to name a few of the activities. Enrolled ROTC students will take one ROTC class a semester and participate in a physical fitness class and lab exercises.	
<b>Boise State University</b>  Boise State Student Veterans Fraternity, Omega Delta Sigma	Travis Hayes  TravisHayes@u.boisestate.edu	Our mission is to make Boise State University as Veteran friendly as can be. We hold events, fundraisers, and meetings in order to boost our membership as well as our visibility around campus. We will make the University community aware of the Veterans on campus and proud of the Veterans on campus through our conduct and behavior.	Interested current Boise State students can contact <a href="mailto:TravisHayes@u.boisestate.edu">TravisHayes@u.boisestate.edu</a>
<b>Boise State University</b>  University Health Services	Medical, Counseling and Wellness Services (208) 426-1459  <a href="mailto:healthservices@boisestate.edu">healthservices@boisestate.edu</a>	The mission of University Health Services (UHS) is to provide the Boise State community with an integrated model of delivery enabling our campus partners to retain, enhance, promote, and improve upon their physical, mental, and spiritual health. In serving their constituents, the Medical, Counseling and Wellness departments provide highly skilled and licensed staff, specialized resources, and experiential learning opportunities in support of the overall mission of Boise State University.	Website: <a href="http://healthservices.boisestate.edu">http://healthservices.boisestate.edu</a>  UHS is located in the NORCO Building (south of the Student Recreation Center). All Boise State students, regardless of insurance coverage, are eligible to receive services at the Health Center. We provide a full range of primary care, specialty medical services, comprehensive counseling and wellness services all focused on what students need.
<b>Boise State University</b>  Veterans Upward Bound (a TRiO Pre-College Program)	Mark Heilman, Project Director (208) 426-3632  <a href="mailto:markheilman@boisestate.edu">markheilman@boisestate.edu</a>	Boise State's Veterans Upward Bound program serves Veterans living in the Treasure Valley area. Veterans Upward Bound is one of several TRiO programs on the Boise State campus and is designed to help Veterans prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. We serve Veterans planning to attend college, universities, technical schools, certificate programs and more. Our services are FREE and include assessment, individual and group instructional programs, career planning, and other services to support Veterans' educational goals.	Academic Services Offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes/tutoring - Math, English, Writing, Computer Basics</li> <li>• COMPASS/TABE assessments to evaluate academic skills</li> <li>• Study Skills Preparation</li> </ul> Other services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Inventory</li> <li>• Help with college applications, financial aid, transcripts, etc.</li> <li>• Information about Veteran benefits</li> <li>• Referrals to community agencies</li> </ul> Website: <a href="http://education.boisestate.edu/vub/">http://education.boisestate.edu/vub/</a>  Veterans Upward Bound is located at 1136 Euclid Ave  Email: <a href="mailto:vub@boisestate.edu">vub@boisestate.edu</a>

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<b>College of Southern Idaho (CSI)</b>  Support Activities/Functions for Veterans	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 <a href="mailto:slindquist@csi.edu">slindquist@csi.edu</a>	The CSI Veterans Services Committee and the CSI Student Activities Office sponsor luncheons at least once a semester for veteran students. Guest speakers are invited to give presentations about relevant topics. CSI staff members provide updates about campus services available to veterans and students are given a chance to network with each other. CSI also offers a Veterans Club for all veterans. The club is part of the college Student Affairs Program Board and is funded through student fees.	Veterans are notified about these activities through campus email and by announcements in the Veterans Newsletter.
<b>College of Southern Idaho</b>  CSI Veterans Student Newsletter	Shannon Kerr (208) 732-6239 <a href="mailto:skerr@csi.edu">skerr@csi.edu</a>	CSI offers an online newsletter that is available to veteran students. The newsletter is published twice a year, once during the fall semester and again in the spring semester. The newsletter is emailed to current veteran students and is also available online on the Veterans Services website. The newsletter features happenings/deadlines on campus, VA services in the community, and services that are offered on campus.	Newsletters are emailed out and available online on our veteran services website.  <a href="http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices">www.csi.edu/veteransServices</a>
<b>College of Southern Idaho (CSI)</b>  CSI Veterans Scholarship	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 <a href="mailto:slindquist@csi.edu">slindquist@csi.edu</a>	The CSI Foundation sponsors three \$1000 scholarships to three veteran students each year. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have been honorably discharged within the past five years, have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0, and be a full time student.	Veterans need to fill out a CSI Veterans Scholarship application to apply. Students can download an application online or get an application at the CSI Admissions and Records Office. <a href="http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices">www.csi.edu/veteransServices</a>
<b>College of Southern Idaho (CSI)</b>  CSI Veterans Services Website	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 <a href="mailto:slindquist@csi.edu">slindquist@csi.edu</a>	The CSI Veterans Services website contains information about the different educational benefits the VA offers, how to apply for them, important policies and VA resources both on and off campus.	Veterans access the CSI Veterans Services website through the CSI website which is located at <a href="http://www.csi.edu">www.csi.edu</a> . The web address for the CSI Veterans Services website is:  <a href="http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices">www.csi.edu/veteransServices</a> .
<b>College of Southern Idaho (CSI)</b>  CSI VA Educational Benefits Services	Shannon Kerr (208) 732-6239 <a href="mailto:skerr@csi.edu">skerr@csi.edu</a>	The CSI Office of the Registrar currently has staff members who are trained as VA Certifying Officials and provide assistance to veterans who are applying for and using their VA educational benefits. Under Section 702 all eligible individuals are provided a waiver of nonresident tuition and fees.	Students may call, email, or stop by the Admissions and Records Office for assistance on using their educational benefits. The student may be directed to the CSI Veterans Services website ( <a href="http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices">www.csi.edu/veteransServices</a> ) and/or the US Department of Veterans Affairs website ( <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a> ) to read information and apply for the educational benefit. Nonresident waivers require submission of the student's DD214 showing discharge dates and certificate of eligibility showing benefit eligibility.
College of Southern Idaho (CSI)  Campus Wide Services	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 <a href="mailto:slindquist@csi.edu">slindquist@csi.edu</a>	Veterans at the College of Southern Idaho have access to many services that are provided to the whole student body. They include but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advising Center: Provides advising services to students. Select Advising Center staff has been trained on how to best assist veteran students.</li> <li>• Career and Counseling Services: Provides career counseling, job seeking skills and short-term personal counseling to students free of charge.</li> </ul>	Veterans do not need to apply for these services if they are current CSI students.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Disability Services: Provides adaptive services to students based on their documented disabilities.</li><li>• Student Health Center: Provides basic medical services free of charge to both full time and part time students.</li><li>• Learning Assistance Center: Provides tutoring services free of charge to students.</li></ul>	
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<b>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</b>  Veterans Services (Registrar's Unit)	Crystal Van Komen VA Educ Benefits Coordinator (208) 562-3206  <a href="mailto:crystalvankomen@cwidaho.cc">crystalvankomen@cwidaho.cc</a>	Our One Stop Student Services staff and Veteran Specialists provides new and continuing students with a host of services in a comfortable and welcoming environment. CWI provides assistance to prospective and enrolled student veterans and dependents. CWI certifies enrollments for approximately 500 benefit eligible veterans every Fall and Spring semester. Most notably, our staff can assist students in accessing their GI benefits, completing the admission application process and requirements, and registering for courses.	Any veteran or dependent can contact our VA Specialists (we currently have 3) and we will go through with them step by step how to access their educational benefits. We will also provide them with community resources and employment opportunities as appropriate.
<b>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</b>  Disability Services	Terri Scofield Disability Services (208) 562-2495  <a href="mailto:terriscofield@cwidaho.cc">terriscofield@cwidaho.cc</a>  Heather Grayson Disability Services (208) 562-2447  <a href="mailto:heathergrayson@cwidaho.cc">heathergrayson@cwidaho.cc</a>	CWI Student Disability Services coordinates effective academic access support services and collaborates with students, faculty, staff and community to create diverse and inclusive learning environments which are accessible to all.	Student veterans need to contact Disability Student Services (DSS) to request academic accommodations.  Under state and federal law, individuals are eligible to receive academic adjustments on the basis of disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Where the educational or other functional limitations related to the student's disability prevents equal access to an academic program, reasonable academic accommodations or adjustments will be provided to the student.  The Disability Services Coordinator, in consultation with the student and other CWI staff as needed, determines DSS program service eligibility and, if deemed qualified as a student with a disability, an accommodations service plan will be formulated to mitigate the effect of the disability and enable participation as provided to others.  For additional information please visit <a href="http://cwidaho.cc/current-students/disability-service">http://cwidaho.cc/current-students/disability-service</a>
<b>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</b>  Student Clubs and Organizations  CWI Veterans Association	Rachel Ball & Joe Welker  <a href="mailto:rachelball@mycwi.cc">rachelball@mycwi.cc</a> <a href="mailto:joewelker@cwidaho.cc">joewelker@cwidaho.cc</a>	CWI's Veterans Association is a group of student veterans that get together to create a sense of community for Veterans on the CWI campus. This is a newly formed association and they are actively accepting new members and encouraging all veterans who are interested to contact them.	Interested CWI students can contact the Veterans association at <a href="mailto:cwiveterans@gmail.com">cwiveterans@gmail.com</a>

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<p><b>Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC)</b></p> <p>Veteran Services (located within the Financial Aid Office)</p>	<p>Tiffany Cleverly Financial Aid Advisor (208) 535-5311</p> <p><a href="mailto:tiffany.cleverly@my.eitc.edu">tiffany.cleverly@my.eitc.edu</a></p>	<p>VA services are provided by the EITC Certifying Officials in the Financial Aid Office located in the John E. Christofferson Building in Student Services.</p> <p>EITC Veteran Services' website contains information on how to apply for education benefits, steps to apply for admission to EITC, requirements for each semester and helpful resources on and off campus.</p> <p>EITC Veteran Services provides assistance to potential veterans applying for and receiving their VA educational benefits. Student veterans will work with the Veteran Services office each semester to certify their enrollment with EITC to continue receiving benefits.</p>	<p>Veterans and /or dependents can apply for education benefits online at <a href="http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/">www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/</a>.</p> <p>Veterans can also meet with the Veteran Services office to receive assistance in applying for benefits.</p>

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<p><b>Idaho State University</b> ISU ROTC</p> <p><a href="http://www.isu.edu/rotc/">http://www.isu.edu/rotc/</a></p>	<p>Name: Geoffrey Klein/ SFC Bures Phone number: 208-282-3754 Email: kleigeof@isu.edu / burejosh@isu.edu</p>	<p>Start Strong in life – enroll in Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), the college elective for undergraduate and graduate students that provides leadership training for success in any career field. Get the training you need to turn passion into a career in the Active Army, Army Reserves, or the National Guard.</p> <p>The curriculum is a combination of classroom instruction of management, oral &amp; written communication skills, physical training, counseling, map reading and tactics with hands-on laboratory participation both indoors and outdoors; all with a common focus on developing those Leadership skills necessary to succeed as an Army Officer.</p> <p>Whether you’re in high school, college or already in the Army, you can become an Officer in today’s Army through joining ROTC.</p> <p><b>SCHOLARSHIPS AVIALABLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Four year Army ROTC Scholarship</li> <li>-Three year ROTC</li> <li>-Two year ROTC</li> <li>-Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD)</li> <li>-Two year Dedicated Guard Scholarship</li> <li>-Army ROTC Nursing Program/ and Scholarship</li> </ul>	<p>Once you enroll at ISU you will have access to BengalWeb. Through BengalWeb you can sign up and build your class schedule. ROTC classes are under the Military Sci and Leadership on the Pocatello Campus. Freshmen begin their journey with the 1000 level classes (1101 Leadership and Personal Development class).</p> <p>Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Military Science department listed below: Contact : CPT Klein or SFC Bures at 208-282-3754 Email: kleigeof@isu.edu / <a href="mailto:burejosh@isu.edu">burejosh@isu.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Idaho State University (ISU)</b> Veteran Student Services Center (formerly Veterans Sanctuary) aka VSSC</p> <p><a href="http://isu.edu/veterans/">http://isu.edu/veterans/</a> <a href="http://www.isu.edu/areg/veterans/">http://www.isu.edu/areg/veterans/</a></p>	<p>Todd D. Johnson, M.A., Director</p> <p>208-282-4245 208-282-4298</p>	<p>The following specific services are provided: VA Education &amp; University Benefits Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G.I. Bill benefits and Tuition Assistance Team</li> <li>• Specialized academic and technical advising</li> <li>• Tutoring &amp; disability services coordination</li> <li>• Assistance with VA, financial-aid, scholarship, and university documents, procedures, and forms</li> </ul> <p>Veteran specific scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow Ribbon Program</li> <li>• Sgt. Blake Stephens Scholarship</li> <li>• ISU Veteran Alumni Scholarship</li> <li>• Alternative scholarship assistance for students with demonstrated need or emergency</li> </ul> <p>A safe and social and academic/study environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study and group training lounge</li> <li>• “Hero” trained Emotional Support/Facility Dog</li> </ul>	<p>As a division of ISU Student Affairs, and hub for the veteran community, all student veterans and service members, qualified dependents, and cadets are eligible for access to Veteran Student Services Center resources. They may access services and resources in-person at VSSC or the Military Education Benefits Office. They may also seek access 24/7 through the webpages, social-media pages, phone, text, or e-mail.</p> <p>The VSSC program is built on partnerships with various ISU departments and community veteran support agencies. Professional services and customer referrals are the hallmarks of this thriving and dynamic program.</p> <p>Community Partnerships include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Legion</li> <li>• Bannock County Veteran Treatment Court</li> <li>• Bannock County Veterans Services</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Computer Resource Center with printing privileges</li> <li>• Professional Staff and Veteran Student Advocates</li> <li>• Counseling and academic support</li> <li>• Addiction and Recovery Support Team</li> <li>• Veteran Treatment Court Liaison</li> <li>• Student Veterans of America – Armed Forces Club</li> <li>• National Guard and Reserve Coordination Liaison</li> <li>• Army ROTC –Bengal Battalion Liaison</li> <li>• Extension Campus Liaison</li> </ul> <p>Campus Partnership provide cooperative trained veteran support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Services-classroom and testing accommodation</li> <li>• Counseling and Testing Center</li> <li>• University Health (Free Office Visits)</li> <li>• Stress Management &amp; Biofeedback Center (PTSD care)</li> <li>• University Housing (Veteran Preference &amp; Support)</li> </ul> <p>Bannock County Veterans Services (On-Site Partner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health benefits for student and community veterans</li> <li>• Cooperative agreement with surrounding counties for services with ISU students</li> <li>• Access to VA Vocational Rehabilitation counselor</li> </ul> <p>Career Closet Program in cooperation with the ISU Career Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional clothing loan program</li> <li>• Major/Career (skills and interest) exploration</li> <li>• Employment preparation services (veteran specific resume writing, career searching, and interview preparation)</li> </ul> <p>Other: The Veteran Student Services Center has an Advisory Board whose role is to provide support and guidance to the leadership of Student Affairs and the VSSC in identifying, developing, and evaluating programs, services, and activities that enhance the recruitment, retention, and degree completion rates of student veterans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idaho State Veterans Home –Pocatello</li> <li>• Marine Corps League</li> <li>• Military Family Services</li> <li>• Military Order of the Purple Heart- Scenic Idaho Chapter</li> <li>• National League of POW/MIA Families</li> <li>• Pocatello Area National Guard and Army Reserve</li> <li>• Pocatello-Chubbuck Military Affairs Committee</li> <li>• Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) Veterans Programs</li> <li>• Southeastern Idaho Homeless Stand Down (Co-Sponsor)</li> <li>• The Vet Center- Pocatello</li> <li>• Veterans of Foreign Wars</li> </ul> <p>Idaho State University had been designated a Purple Heart University 2016 by the Scenic Idaho Chapter-Military Order of the Purple Heart</p>
<b>Idaho State University (ISU)</b> Vet2RN Bridge	Sarah Barksdale 208-282-2622 <a href="mailto:Barksar2@isu.edu">Barksar2@isu.edu</a>	A new nursing program for veterans. This cohort based bridge curriculum accelerate progress to a nursing degree by awarding credit for previous health cared knowledge and experience gained through military service.	Contact Sarah Barksdale with the ISU College of Technology to apply and find out more information.

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<p><b>Lewis Clark State College (LCSC)</b></p> <p>LCSC Veterans Club</p>	<p>Courtney Robinson, Scholarship and Veterans Coordinator Financial Aid Office (208) 792-2224</p> <p><a href="mailto:veterans@lcsc.edu">veterans@lcsc.edu</a> <a href="mailto:finaid@lcsc.edu">finaid@lcsc.edu</a></p>	<p>The Veterans Club functions to bring veterans and dependents of veterans together to share experiences and to provide common information and activities. The Veterans Club hosts guest speakers from the VA and within the last couple of years the club has raised funds to support veteran activities including supporting a shipment of goods sent over to our troops in Afghanistan.</p>	<p>Meetings on campus are announced to the student population and an invite is emailed to VA education beneficiaries.</p> <p><a href="http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm">http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm</a> <a href="http://www.lcsc.edu/studentclubs/clubdetails.asp?id=26">http://www.lcsc.edu/studentclubs/clubdetails.asp?id=26</a></p>
<p><b>Lewis Clark State College (LCSC)</b></p> <p>VA Education Services</p>	<p>Laura Hughes, Director Courtney Robinson, Scholarship and Veterans Coordinator Financial Aid Office (208) 792-2224</p> <p><a href="mailto:veterans@lcsc.edu">veterans@lcsc.edu</a> <a href="mailto:finaid@lcsc.edu">finaid@lcsc.edu</a></p>	<p>Assistance is available in processing and providing counseling to potential students eligible for VA education benefits; certifying education benefits to the Veterans Administration; and monitoring degree programs for eligible students. Services also include one-stop shopping in the following areas from the Veterans Coordinator: Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Professional Judgment for loss of income (FAFSA), and Degree advising.</p>	<p>Apply for benefits via <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a> and visit with the Veterans Coordinator on campus.</p> <p><a href="http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm">http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm</a></p>

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<p><b>North Idaho College (NIC)</b></p> <p>Veterans Benefits (GI Bill)</p>	<p>Kecia Siegel (208) 769-3281  <a href="mailto:kecia_siegel@nic.edu">kecia_siegel@nic.edu</a></p>	<p>The Veterans Coordinator provides assistance to eligible veterans and dependents. The coordinator processes all paperwork associated with veteran's benefits ensuring students are able to receive their benefits and attend NIC. Information regarding outreach services such as medical assistance, job service, etc., can be obtained from the coordinator. The Veterans Coordinator co-advises the Veterans Club.</p>	<p><a href="#">Veterans Benefits Coordinator</a></p> <p>Students eligible for benefits should contact the coordinator at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the semester to assure timely submission of their claims</p> <p>Veterans can apply online at <a href="http://www.nic.edu">www.nic.edu</a> and navigate to the Veterans services tab. Veterans can meet with the Veterans Advisor or Coordinator to address specific needs or a New VA Student Checklist can be emailed to the student with embedded links that will go to the appropriate websites or pages.</p> <p>Veterans Administration benefit counselors are directly available to each veteran by phone through the Veterans Administration regional office in Boise (1-800-827-1000); or call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551.</p>
<p><b>North Idaho College (NIC)</b></p> <p>Veterans Resource Center</p>	<p>Veterans Resource Center                      (208) 769-5960</p> <p>Carl George (208) 666-8027  <a href="mailto:Carl.George@nic.edu">Carl George</a></p>	<p>The NIC Veterans Center provides those who have served (or are serving) in the Armed Forces and their families/supporters with an enriching social environment and the resources to overcome barriers on their path to attaining educational excellence.</p> <p>Veterans Resource Center provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Lab</li> <li>• GI Bill, admissions, and financial aid counseling</li> <li>• Access to a disability support liaison</li> <li>• Referrals to campus support services</li> <li>• Public presentations and speakers</li> <li>• Workshops for veteran and military students</li> <li>• Veteran quality of life education / training</li> <li>• Veterans Day Luncheon</li> <li>• Veterans Campus Orientation</li> </ul> <p>On Campus Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Services</li> <li>• Center for Educational Access (CEA)</li> <li>• College Skills Center</li> <li>• Student Health and Counseling Services</li> <li>• Writing Center</li> </ul>	<p>Veterans and their families and supporters can access the Veterans Resource Center in the Edminster Student Union Building Room ESU 004 (in the basement)</p>
<p><b>North Idaho College (NIC)</b></p> <p>Veterans Club</p>	<p>Carl George (208) 666-8027  <a href="mailto:Carl.George@nic.edu">Carl George</a></p> <p>Kecia Siegel (208) 769-3281  <a href="mailto:kecia_siegel@nic.edu">kecia_siegel@nic.edu</a></p>	<p>The NIC Veterans Club provides veterans and their allies a social environment, resources, and tools that encourage camaraderie, positive growth and community engagement.</p>	<p><a href="#">North Idaho Vets Club</a></p>

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<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b></p> <p>General James F. Amos Veterans Center (also known as Veterans Assistance Office)</p>	<p>Dan Button (208) 885-7979 <a href="mailto:dtbutton@uidaho.edu">dtbutton@uidaho.edu</a></p> <p>Scott Oplinger (208) 885-7989 <a href="mailto:soplinger@uidaho.edu">soplinger@uidaho.edu</a></p>	<p>University of Idaho, General James F. Amos Veterans Center in the University of Idaho Commons, dedicated on May 11, 2012, serves multiple "hub" functions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UI Veterans Advisor office (reporting directly to Dean of Students)</li> <li>• GI Bill certifying and assistance (all 5 chapters)</li> <li>• UI Academic Support, Disability Support, and Career Services Support offices co-location</li> <li>• Referral office to/for other UI services and support to/for veterans, e.g. Counseling &amp; Testing Center, Financial Aid Office, Admissions and Registrar's offices, and Academic Advising</li> <li>• Referral office to/for local and regional VA services other than GI Bill as well as to community partners supporting our veterans including veterans' service organizations and businesses</li> </ul> <p>Student Veterans of America (SVA) UI chapter office and resource room in shared space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop in or call for specific appointments/services Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Email Veterans Assistance Office at <a href="mailto:veterans@uidaho.edu">veterans@uidaho.edu</a></li> <li>• Website: <a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs">http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Center vision and plan includes scheduled recurring visits and office hours by the Latah County Veterans Service Officer and visits to bring VA services from VA personnel in Lewiston, Spokane, and Walla Walla.</li> <li>• Veterans Center is a two-room "storefront property" inside the front of the Idaho Commons building right off the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor main lobby, sharing prominent "off-rotunda" space with the Associated Students University of Idaho (ASUI) offices entrance, the UI Volunteer and Community Engagement office, and other offices mentioned above.</li> </ul>
<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b></p> <p>Operation Education (OpEd)</p>	<p>Dan Button (208) 885-7979 <a href="mailto:dtbutton@uidaho.edu">dtbutton@uidaho.edu</a></p>	<p><i>Operation Education</i> is a leading scholarship and assistance program for disabled military veterans and/or their spouses. It is available to military personnel who have sustained permanent disability (that impacts function of one or more major life activities) while serving our nation since September 11, 2001. The program offers a comprehensive package with three vital components that are customized to meet the individual's (or family's) needs. Each individualized plan addresses the academic, home and social, and financial challenges the veteran may encounter during his or her transition back to civilian and higher education life. Priority is given to Idaho residents and to those whose injury and disability result from action in a combat zone.</p>	<p>Access a downloadable application form from the Operation Education Website. Complete a hardcopy and mail to the University of Idaho. <a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/OperationEducation">www.uidaho.edu/OperationEducation</a></p>
<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b></p> <p>Recurring Activities/Functions in Support of Veterans &amp; Their Families</p>	<p>Dan Button (208) 885-7979 <a href="mailto:dtbutton@uidaho.edu">dtbutton@uidaho.edu</a></p>	<p>The University sponsors/conducts several events/observances each year in honor of our military personnel/veterans to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military Appreciation Day (MAD), a daylong event in conjunction with a home football game every fall (date varies). Army ROTC and Athletic Department together with Dean of Students Office and the President's Office plan year-around for this event to honor University and surrounding community veterans and their families.</li> <li>• POW/MIA Recognition Day, an annual September full combined ROTC cadre (Army, Navy/Marine, and Air Force) parade and ceremony to pause, observe, and honor this</li> </ul>	<p>Veterans and many, many others across the University participate in the planning and support for these functions/observances. Invitations are proffered, both formal and advertised more generally.</p> <p>The "command climate" for supporting veterans and their families at the University of Idaho is second to none, starting at the top and permeating down and across all business units and organizations, including non-veteran students. There is never a doubt that our veterans are supported, honored, and appreciated and that we are not only an official nationally</p>

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		<p>national day of recognition; hosted by the University President on the Admin Lawn, center of campus, with a featured guest speaker who is either a former POW or family member or is tied to past or ongoing POW/MIA recovery efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Day activities and observances including a program honoring veterans' (and families') sacrifices, a wreath-laying ceremony on the steps of War Memorial Gymnasium, and a Veterans Day recognition dinner and ceremony hosted in the Pitman Center Ballroom for University and community veterans/family members. The President and other University leaders attend and/or participate in all these events.</li> </ul>	<p>recognized "Military-Supportive Institution," but more importantly, a safe-haven for our veterans transitioning and reintegrating back from their military service into the different and challenging higher education culture.</p>
<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b></p> <p>Veterans at the University of Idaho (Vets UI), a member chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA)</p>	<p>Jeff Horgan Club President (208) 885-7165 <a href="mailto:uiveterans@gmail.com">uiveterans@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Vets UI promotes the well-being and ensures the welfare of student veterans as they transition from military life to civilian life while seeking a college degree. An official school club recognized by the ASUI, the Veterans at the University of Idaho aims to recognize veterans as unique students, and to provide them with beneficial resources and information. Additionally, they offer veterans of all branches an opportunity to meet fellow veterans. Their goal is to maintain those bonds formed while in uniform so veterans can come together and socialize and be with other UI students who share similar life experiences. Not only for student veterans, faculty and staff members of the University of Idaho who are also veterans are welcomed and included. Officers of the club have represented all 5 military services. The club office is within the Veterans Center in the Idaho Commons building.</p>	<p>Through the UI Veterans Center (VC) or through accessing the SVA Website and/or UI Veterans Facebook page, or through referral by other student veterans or the veterans advisors.</p> <p>Services include peer advising, counseling, and support as well as fellow veteran academic tutoring/help. Vets UI club meetings are every other week throughout the fall and spring semesters. Club activities include special event support like Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Day, Memorial Day, and other aperiodic university and local community functions. An annual philanthropic fund-raising event is sponsored by the Club.</p> <p><a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/DOS/veteransaffairs/veterans-at-uidaho-club">http://www.uidaho.edu/DOS/veteransaffairs/veterans-at-uidaho-club</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VetsUI">https://www.facebook.com/VetsUI</a></p>
<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b></p> <p>GI Bill &amp; Other Veterans Advisor Services</p>	<p>Dan Button Veterans Advisor (208) 885-7979 <a href="mailto:dtbutton@uidaho.edu">dtbutton@uidaho.edu</a></p> <p>Scott Oplinger Assistant Veterans Advisor (208) 885-7989 <a href="mailto:soplinger@uidaho.edu">soplinger@uidaho.edu</a></p>	<p>UI has two dedicated Veterans Advisors reporting directly to the Dean of Students. The duties, functions, and responsibilities of and provided by the Veterans Advisors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as GI Bill School Certifying Official (SCO) to the Veterans Administration for all GI Bill chapters (30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607).</li> <li>• Collaborate with VA Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation) counselors and case managers throughout Idaho and in neighboring states to ensure University support and service delivery.</li> <li>• Provide advice, guidance, and/or referral to authoritative resources for prospective and current GI Bill student (and occasional faculty and/or staff) veterans, including external inquiries from active duty/Reserve/Guard service members worldwide.</li> <li>• Serve as co-advisor for student Veterans Club.</li> </ul>	<p>Drop in or call for specific appointments/services Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Email <a href="mailto:veterans@uidaho.edu">veterans@uidaho.edu</a>, call (208) 885-7989/7979, or access Veterans Assistance Office Website at <a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs">http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs</a></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate/collaborate with Student Financial Aid and the VA to participate in the VA Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) Yellow Ribbon Program; currently 35 Fall-13 students (50 slots) receiving 100% "waiver" of their full out-of-state tuition, now with 75 quotas/slots, the most of any Idaho IHL.</li> <li>• Manage (determine and approve eligibility and award) Choice Act, Section 702 qualifying Veterans/Dependents out-of-state tuition waivers.</li> <li>• Provide internal referrals to co-located UI Academic Support, Disability Support, and Career Services Support offices; provide additional referrals to/for other UI services and support to/for veterans, e.g. Counseling &amp; Testing Center, Financial Aid Office, Admissions and Registrar's offices, and Academic Advising.</li> <li>• Provide referrals to/for local and regional VA services other than GI Bill as well as to community partners supporting our veterans including veterans' service organizations and businesses.</li> <li>• Advocate for and facilitate services and understanding University-wide for veterans' unique situations/needs/challenges/barriers.</li> <li>• Serve as Operation Education Scholarship Committee Chair and OpEd Services Coordinator.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>University of Idaho (UI)</b> Military Tuition Assistance &amp; VA Education Payment Processing</p>	<p>Katherine Clancy Student Accounts Technician  (208) 885-2132 <a href="mailto:kclancy@uidaho.edu">kclancy@uidaho.edu</a></p>	<p>Processes military submitted and authorized Tuition Assistance ("TA") requests and payments; receives and processes all VA payments and refunds directly from/to the VA for Post 9/11 students and Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation veterans.</p>	

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<b>Troops to Teachers</b>	M. Scott Fife Idaho State Representative LTC, US Army (Ret.) (208) 362-3421  <a href="mailto:mscottfife@hotmail.com">mscottfife@hotmail.com</a>	The Troops to Teachers program gives military personnel the resources they need to make the transition from military service to service as public school teachers. Aspiring teachers can access information, advice, and financial aid from Troops to Teachers to help them get into the classroom. Benefits for school hiring authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A life of military service makes our clients ideal teachers: maturity, diversity, leadership, world knowledge, team players, and role models.</li> <li>• Our clients have expertise in critical needs subjects: math, science, special education, CTE/PTE.</li> <li>• Proven higher retention rate: deliberate second career choice, passion for teaching</li> <li>• Lower life-cycle cost to school districts: entering career field later in life, military supplemental income</li> </ul>	Getting started: Register online <a href="http://www.proudtoserveagain.com">www.proudtoserveagain.com</a> or contact regional office about general information, teacher preparation programs, and teacher licensure/certification options.
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<b>Brigham Young University – Idaho (BYUI)</b>	Mr. Keith Grover Phone number: 208-496-4714  <a href="mailto:groverk@byui.edu">groverk@byui.edu</a>	Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), like West Point Military Academy, is the best Army leadership course in the country. During classes, leadership labs, physical training and field training exercises, students will learn firsthand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups, and conduct operational missions as an Army Officer. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, students will be commissioned in the Active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant and remain a leader for life. The curriculum is a combination of classroom instruction of basic leadership, management, oral & written communication skills; physical training, counseling, map reading and tactics with hands-on laboratory participation both indoors and outdoors. We build rope bridges, conduct land navigation exercises, rappel, have paint ball battles, conduct first aid training, set-up a tactical field site, lead each other, and study basic soldier tactics to name a few of the activities. Enrolled ROTC students will take one ROTC class a semester and participate in a physical fitness class and lab exercises. Non-ROTC students can participate in the military-style physical fitness classes.	Interested students can contact the Military Science/Army ROTC department, which is located in Rigby hall room 207, or by the listed e-mail or phone number (208) 496-4714.