



Services Offered to California Incarcerated Veterans

Healthcare for Re-entry Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has developed a program called Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV) to assist offenders with a successful transition. A Re-Entry Specialist from HCRV goes to each correctional facility several times each year to meet with veterans six months prior to their release. VA's Re-Entry Specialist will assist the inmate with a VA healthcare enrollment form and, if already enrolled, ensure the paperwork is up to date.

After the inmate is enrolled with VA and is within six months of release, the inmate should start planning and making arrangements with the VA in their area.

An HCRV Re-entry Specialist can provide assistance with:

- Submission of VA enrollment form 10-10 EZ.
- Obtaining a copy of the DD-214 military records (VA Form SF-180 can help the inmate request a copy of the DD-214)
- Assistance with the DD Form 293 that will help the inmate pursue an upgrade to the type of military discharge they received.

When an inmate is released from incarceration, benefits can be reactivated by sending a copy of the release documentation to the VA Regional Office.

Do it Yourself – Six Months Prior to Release

- If you do not have a copy of the DD-214, complete VA Form SF-180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records). The SF-180 may be available in the library. The address to send the completed form depends on the branch of the military. That information is found on page 3 of the SF-180. The DD-214 can take up to six weeks to arrive.
- Complete the Inventory of Needs. Success within the community is accomplished by resolving the barriers. VA can be one source for addressing some of the problems. The resources identified in the Guidebook for California Incarcerated Veterans and personnel at VA can provide direction to resources and support.

for more information and access to forms, visit: <http://www.cdva.ca.gov/>