

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-07**

**ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO VETERANS, SERVICEMEMBERS  
AND FAMILIES COORDINATION COUNCIL**

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*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a moral duty to support those citizens who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces, whether on Active Duty, in the Reserves, or in the National Guard, as well as their families; and*

*WHEREAS, this duty owed is shared among agencies and branches of state, federal, and local government; and*

*WHEREAS, the resources of government should be coordinated to provide veterans, service members and their families with the support they need; and*

*WHEREAS, communication among the various officials, stakeholders and providers is necessary to ensure that government remains responsive to the needs of veterans, service members and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, a formal organizational structure can help foster such communication and coordinate government and community efforts;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby create the Idaho Veterans, Servicemembers and Families Coordination Council.*

- 1. The Idaho Veterans, Servicemembers and Families Coordination Council is to:*
  - a. Advise the Governor on issues and challenges concerning veterans, servicemembers and their families;*
  - b. Help ensure veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces and their families are provided support and services;*
  - c. Meet at least three (3) times annually at the call of the chairman, at such times and places as determined by the chairman. The Council will, by December 15th each year, submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Governor;*
  - d. Monitor the State's progress in the implementation of the Idaho Action Plan developed by Idaho representatives at the federal Department of Health and Human Services (SAMHSA) Returning Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Policy Academy in May 2013, and to review future revisions and additions to said plan;*
  - e. Encourage and support collaboration, and attempt to mitigate duplication of effort, among agencies and groups providing services for and supporting veterans, servicemembers and their families.*
  - f. Form subcommittees to research and take action on specific issues related to veterans, servicemembers and their families.*
- 2. The duties of the Council are solely advisory in nature.*
- 3. The members of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members will include but are not limited to representatives from:*

- a. *Idaho Division of Veterans Services (Chairman);*
  - b. *Adjutant General, Idaho National Guard (Vice Chairman);*
  - c. *Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (Recorder);*
  - d. *Idaho Department of Labor;*
  - e. *Idaho Department of Education;*
  - f. *Idaho Association of Counties;*
  - g. *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, one member from the Boise VA Regional Office and one member from the Boise VA Medical Center;*
  - h. *366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base.*
  - i. *Idaho Legislature:*
    - 1.) *A member of the Idaho Senate, nominated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.*
    - 2.) *A member of the Idaho House of Representatives, nominated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
  - j. *Veterans, Service Members, and family members:*
    - 1.) *An active, reserve or retired representative from each of the five services: U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.*
    - 2.) *A current member of the Idaho National Guard.*
    - 3.) *A representative from one of the major, nationwide, Veterans Service organizations.*
    - 4.) *The spouse of an active duty or Idaho National Guard servicemember.*
4. *Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services on the Council. Members may request and receive full or partial reimbursement for travel expenses from the Idaho Veterans Support Fund if they live outside the Treasure Valley commuting area.*
  5. *The Council may request consultation, information and technical expertise from directors or their designees of State of Idaho agencies, from federal agencies, and from members of the public.*
  6. *All Executive Branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall fully cooperate with the Council in carrying out the mandates of the Executive Order and shall provide staff support and other assistance as requested.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eight and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.*

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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