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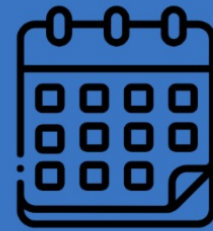
Service Member & Family Support



April 2024

Idaho Military Retiree Quarterly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



April:

Month of the Military Child, Sexual Assault & Prevention, and Volunteer Appreciation Month

20th- Ride for 22 (Veteran Suicide Awareness Rally)

24th- Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention 5k / Denim Day

May:

Spouse Appreciation Month

1st- TAG Gowen Field Area Beautification Day (2-4pm)

2nd- National Day of Prayer Hike & N. Idaho Retiree Social

9th- Gowen Food Baskets Giveaway & TV Joining Forces Meeting

15th- Gowen Retiree Social

27th Memorial Day Ceremony at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery

June:

6th- N. Idaho Retiree Social & Gowen Field Blood Drive

13th- Gowen Food Baskets Giveaway & Joining Forces Meeting

19th- Gowen Retiree Social

28th- Veteran Appreciation Fair

July:

11th- Gowen Food Baskets Giveaway & Joining Forces Meeting

17th- Gowen Retiree Social

20th- Golf Scramble

27th- Boise Military Family Appreciation

Visit our events calendar for more details at:

<https://www.imd.idaho.gov/events/>

APRIL

We had a great time at our Retiree Socials in Northern Idaho and the Treasure Valley this April! Thank you to all who attended. Click [here](#) to view these events and who attended them on our Idaho National Guard Service Member and Family Support Facebook group!



April Retiree Social's





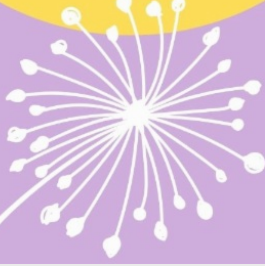
Happy Easter from us to you!



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



Purple Up
Every Friday
to show your
support



Showing support for our Military Youth!

PURPLE UP



April is

**Sexual Assault Awareness
& Prevention Month**

Sexual Assault 24/7 Response Line
208-447-6166



*Denim Day
April 24th*



FREE
REGISTRATION
& T-SHIRT
(WHILE SUPPLIES
LAST)

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Program (SAPR) Presents:

***Sexual Assault Awareness and
Prevention 5K***

GOWEN FIELD RECREATION COMPLEX

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
@ 1500**

FOR BASE ACCESS PLEASE CONTACT
(208) 272-8300 BY 22 APRIL

Virtual participants: take photos at the end of your run and submit
them to Haily

For More Info Contact: 208-272-8400 HAILY.R.BARLEY.MIL@ARMY.MIL



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

We want to acknowledge the time and effort our
volunteers put into improving the readiness of our
organization and the experiences of our Idaho National
Guard members, families and retirees.

Thank you!

Want to volunteer? The Idaho National Guard J9 - Service
Member & Family Support has opportunities for you to get
involved in various volunteer efforts! Contact us for more
information at famiyprogramsmarketing@gmail.com!



J-9 News

Admin · 21h · 🌐



It is National Volunteer Appreciation week!

Each day this week we will showcase some of our volunteers to say...

Thank you [Jacque Ockerman](#) for being willing to use your remarkable skills and talents to fuel our mutual objectives. We acknowledge the time and effort you are willing to put into improving the readiness of our organization and the experiences of our Idaho National Guard members, families, and retirees.

#NationalVolunteerAppreciationMonth #VolunteerAppreciationWeek

#IDAHONATIONALGUARD #servicememberandfamilysupport #Volunteer #SMFS #sfrg

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER

JACQUE OCKERMAN

- **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SFRG:** 2 years
- **HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE SFRG:** Heidi Young
- **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:** Being able to bring joy to military families while also helping bridge the gap between soldiers and families
- **WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO VOLUNTEER:** My motivation stems from when my husband was deployed. I didn't really know anyone who could relate and felt alone in it for awhile. Volunteering helps me meet families like mine and spouses like myself who just get it.
- **WHAT IS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERING WITH THE SFRG:** Going to my first volunteer symposium. Meeting other spouses and individuals like myself wanting to do more for soldiers and families was amazing.
- **WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING:** Be like Nike and just do it! Jokes aside, it can be a little stressful but once you find a groove, it is easy street. You do what you can, when you can and feel good about it in the end.
- **WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN WHEN YOU ARE NOT VOLUNTEERING:** I enjoy spending time with my family, working out, and bargain shopping!



EMAIL US TO VOLUNTEER! idngsmfs@gmail.com

[View insights](#)

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Samantha Rex, Keesha Showers - West and 8 others

1 comment

Like

Comment

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEER
KEISA HANSON

- **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SFRG:** 10 years
- **HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE SFRG:** My husband and Army Wives
- **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:** Being able to help families in need and getting to meet people who are going through similar things as we!
- **WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO VOLUNTEER:** I started out on supporting my husband in his career and then found volunteerism was helping families and being around like-minded people.
- **WHAT IS YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERING WITH THE SFRG:** Being my child gone around children who are military children as well.
- **WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING:** Volunteering is completely on your schedule, and it will be there as much as you want to volunteer.
- **WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN WHEN YOU ARE NOT VOLUNTEERING:** My husband and I have a small business training canine assist dogs. Yoga, character training bands and more.

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THANK YOU! VOLUNTEER
HARLEY NEILSON

- **How long have you been volunteering for SFRG:** 3 Months
- **How did you find out about SFRG:** My Husband
- **What is your favorite thing about volunteering:** I love getting to help Soldiers and their families, and help put on fun events for families!
- **What motivates you to volunteer:** Knowing that I can do something to help others
- **What is your best experience volunteering with SFRG:** Leadership training in Boise, and learning more about SFRG
- **What advice would you give someone interested in volunteering:** Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!
- **What do you do for fun when you are not volunteering:** Gardening!

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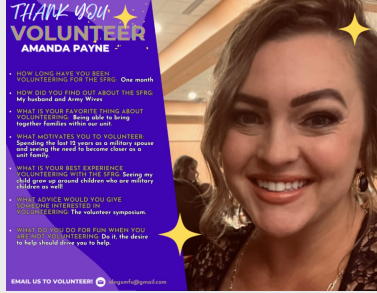


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Want to see more volunteer spotlights? Visit our Facebook group:
Idaho National Guard Service Member and Family Support

MAY

May is Military Spouse Appreciation Month



NOMINATE YOUR SPOUSE

SHARE A PICTURE OF YOUR MILITARY SPOUSE AND A STORY ABOUT WHY YOU APPRECIATE THEM!

Share your appreciation here for a spotlight in May:

[HTTPS://WWW.COGNITOFRMS.COM/IDAHOSMFS/MILITARYSPOUSESPOTLIGHT](https://www.cognitofrms.com/IDAHOSMFS/MILITARYSPOUSESPOTLIGHT)



POC: idngsmfs@gmail.com



IDNG J9 - Service Member & Family Support
and the Idaho State Chaplain's Office

It's time for hiking

The Idaho State Chaplain's Office invites you on a fellowship adventure to recognize and celebrate the National Day of Prayer. Join us for breakfast and refreshments followed by a hike up Table Rock. All are welcome!

MAY

2ND 8AM

REGISTER NOW

📍 2421 E Old Penitentiary, Boise, ID, 83712

☎ 208-272-4311 | colton.j.sabala.mil@army.mil

🌐 https://www.cognitoforms.com/Personal2039/_2024NationalDayOfPrayerHike



Scan to register



NORTH IDAHO

MILITARY RETIREE SOCIAL

FOOD | DRINKS | GAMES | MUSIC

2 MAY | 6-8PM

NORTH IDAHO RETIREE
SOCIAL - AMERICA LEGION
POST 143

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
ROPROUGEONEIDAHO@GMAIL.COM



GOWEN MILITARY RETIREE SOCIAL

MAY 15TH, 2024 |
4:30-6:30 PM RALLY POINT

ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
FREE SNACKS | DINNER FOR PURCHASE





MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

Monday, May 27th 2024, 10:00am
10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd Boise, ID 83714

Public Parking & Bus Services will be at
Optimist Park 8:30am-11:45am



Visit www.veterans.idaho.gov/cemeteries for more information

JUNE



North Idaho Military Retiree Social

Food | Drinks | Games | Music

June 6th | 6-8pm

North Idaho Retiree Social - America
Legion Post 143

For questions contact:
ROProugeOnIdaho@gmail.com

Gowen Military Retiree Social

JUNE 19TH, 2024 |
4:30-6:30 PM RALLY POINT

Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
Free Snacks | Dinner for Purchase






IDAHO Women Veterans CONFERENCE



COMMUNITY, CAMARADERIE AND CONNECTION

Join us for a day of connection and inspiration.
Registration is free and Lunch is included!

-  June 8th, 2024
-  9:00AM - 3:30PM
-  Warhawk Air Museum
Nampa Idaho

with Keynote Speaker:

Chief of Staff-
ID Army National Guard

Col. Nicole Washington



To Register,
scan the QR code



or visit

www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-idaho-women-veterans-conference-tickets-851907547407

Questions, Contact:



Marisa.McCarter@
veterans.idaho.gov





BOISE VA MEDICAL CENTER

VETERAN APPRECIATION

★ **FAIR** ★

Friday, June 28, 2024 ★ 11AM - 1PM

BOISE VA PARADE GROUNDS 500 W. FORT ST. BOISE, ID 873702

Event is free to attend and family friendly. Event will include: representatives of veterans organizations, dunk tank, live music, lawn games, BBQ food, prizes, and MORE!

For questions, to volunteer, or to have a booth contact Tammy at (208) 422-1175



VA

Boise VA
Medical Center



JULY



GOWEN MILITARY RETIREE SOCIAL

JULY 17TH, 2024 |
4:30-6:30 PM RALLY POINT

*Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
Free Snacks | Dinner for Purchase*





IDAHO SNAKE RIVER
AAAA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP*

GOLF SCRAMBLE

July 20, 2024 | 7 AM

Boise Ranch Golf Course | Boise, ID

\$125/person

Teams may sign up
as 2 or 4 person teams.

Includes

Golf Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls.



6 AM

Registration/no early show
Practice Chipping/Putting

7 AM

Shot Gun Start
Scramble Format

Following Tournament

Awards Announced
Prize Drawings
Raffle Winners

*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE AAAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT WILL BE ONLINE at this QR Code



ATT: ISG Wes Obenauer

3634 W. Guard Street, Bldg 500 Boise, ID 83705-8047

Questions call ISG Obenauer at 208-870-9190 or email wes.l.obenauer.mil@army.mil

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

Save the Date!

The 116th BCT OIF III Reunion Committee is preparing plans to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the largest and most historic deployment of the Idaho Army National Guard. This reunion will be a three-day event.

Friday, August 9, 2024: Battalions will host local socials at various locations across many states.

Saturday, August 10, 2024: Enjoy a family day and dinner at the Hayden Beverage Company concert area in Boise, Idaho.

Sunday, August 11, 2024: Remembrance Brunch/Ceremony for Idaho's fallen at Gowen

Register by clicking the link, or scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.wix.com/f/7175605820942451608>



Details are forthcoming, but you can get the most up-to date info by visiting the 116th BCT OIF III Deployed Veteran's Facebook Page



OIF III 116th BCT 20-Year Reunion

AUG 10 -outdoor concert 4-10pm
Hayden Beverage
2910 E Amity Rd, Boise, ID 83716



AUG 9-11, 2024

- AUG 9 -BN level events
- AUG 10 -outdoor concert at Hayden Beverage 4- 10pm
- AUG 11 Remembrance Brunch/Ceremony for Idaho's fallen on Gowen Field at 10 am

Follow Updates:

IDNG MWR website:

<https://www.idngmwr.com>

or

Facebook

116th BCT OIF III Reunion: August 9-11, 2024





WORKING FOR A CAUSE....

NOT FOR APPLAUSE

Is there a uniform in your closet gathering dust? Do you miss the ties you had when you were in the military? Can you volunteer a few hours a month to a worthy cause? If the answer is yes than the Idaho ESGR volunteer team would love to have you join us.

Established in 1972, the ESGR is a Department of Defense organization made up of volunteers that come from all walks of life to develop and promote a culture in which employers support and value the military service of their employees.

Idaho's volunteers meet this mission head-on by educating bosses, supervisors, and company leaders in events like Bosslifts and employer briefings throughout the state. We keep service members informed of their rights and responsibilities through unit briefs, the Yellow Ribbon program and other events. And when there is conflict, we provide free Ombudsman services to resolve it quickly.

But the thing we get to do most often is present awards to great bosses and companies throughout Idaho. Take a look at the Idaho ESGR Facebook page to see what we do. Then ask yourself – what am I waiting for? Join us - do it today!

www.esgr.mil

ESGR Support Technician (208) 272-3346

ESGR State Chair – Karla Draper, kadraper@outlook.com

★ PATRIOT AWARD ★

★ DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ★ PAIGE CALHOUN



“Paige Calhoun is an amazing human being.”



Pictured :

Award recipient Paige Calhoun and Spouse,
Nominator Master Sgt. Kelly Goodman, Lt. Col.
Gerber, ESGR Volunteers, Veterans Affairs Team



Are you a veteran seeking resources for yourself and your family?

On April 11th 2024 at the inaugural 2024 Joining Forces Idaho conference there were one hundred seventy people that came together to learn more about resources in Idaho for veterans and it was done under the banner of Joining Forces.



Let's get you connected!



Joining Forces Idaho

JFIdaho@veterans.idaho.gov



Be sure to let us know which areas you would like to subscribe to

- **Joining Forces Treasure Valley –**
JFTreasureValley@veterans.idaho.gov
Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Owyhee
- **Joining Forces Central Idaho –**
JFCentralIdaho@veterans.idaho.gov
Butte, Custer, Lemhi
- **Joining Forces Eastern Idaho –**
JFEasternIdaho@veterans.idaho.gov
Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power, Teton
- **Joining Forces North Central Idaho –**
JFNorthCentral@veterans.idaho.gov
Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce
- **Joining Forces Panhandle –**
JFPanhandle@veterans.idaho.gov
Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone
- **Joining Forces South Central –**
JFSouthCentral@veterans.idaho.gov
Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls
- **Joining Forces West Central Idaho –**
JFWestCentralIdaho@veterans.idaho.gov
Adams, Boise, Gem, Payette, Valley, Washington



Joining Forces is a “coalition of communication” between veteran service organizations helping our Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Guard Members, and Reservists. If you would like to know about events or resources in your region, please email that region (see map) to be put on the distribution list. You can sign up for as many regions as you like, and everyone is automatically enrolled in Joining Forces Idaho to receive information pertinent to all Idaho Veterans.

For more information you can contact Mitzi Cheldelin

Joining Forces Treasure Valley – Gowen Field – 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:45-9:00 a.m.

Joining Forces Eastern Idaho – State Hospital South in Blackfoot – 1st Friday of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m. (except July because of Independence Day).

Joining Forces Magic Valley – County West Offices in Twin Falls – 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Mitzi Cheldelin

Idaho Division of Veterans Services

Community Resource Coordinator

"Caring for America's Heroes"

www.veterans.idaho.gov

Cell: 208-957-3633

Fax: 208-780-1381

Mitzi.Cheldelin@veterans.idaho.gov--



VA | Boise VA
Medical Center



2024 VETERANS LEGAL CLINICS



FREE TO ATTEND
FOR VETS & SPOUSES



Legal
Clinics are
held from 2PM
to 4PM in Bldg. 54 at the
Boise VA Medical Center 500 W.
Fort St. Boise, ID 83702.

Assistance with Estate Planning & Wills are not
included at these Legal Clinics.

Please contact Amanda Pentland, LCSW at
(208) 422-1064 for additional information.

January 18, 2024
February 15, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 18, 2024
May 16, 2024
June 20, 2024



MilitaryOneSource offers service members, eligible family members and survivors. Eligible service members include retirees who are within 365 days of their retirement date, end of tour of service, or discharge date. New to 2024 is an eligibility screening verified through the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Unfortunately, eligibility requirements have changed for Veterans and retirees past 365 days of retirement.

**This information is found here:
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-services/>**

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST RESOURCE:

FAMILY PROGRAMS

EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST



OUR SERVICES

RESUME PREPARATION

- The labor force is changing; learn what is new and how to navigate the Applicant Tracking System (ATS)
- Every skill matters and can be translated to the civilian sector
- Ensure your resume stands out to employers
- Life happens; we want you to be ready when it does

CAREER DEVELOPMENT/TRANSITION

- Underemployment is a major contributing factor to financial stress
- You work hard to earn your check. Is your check earning you?
- Joining forces with Mission 43, Hire Heroes USA

TRADE CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Professional/Skill Development is the key to Career Growth
- Collaborating with EQUUS Workforce Solutions, Idaho Transportation Department, Mission 43, and others

WHEN

Monday-Friday 0700-1630
*Following AGR (5-4-9) Schedule

WHERE

4250 W Cessna St Boise, ID 83705
BLDG 270 Room 118

HOW

martin.j.vejar.mil@army.mil

(208) 519-2959



EQUUS Workforce
Solutions



Mission 43



GET FREE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:



PERSONAL FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

A Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) provides financial literacy and education across the military lifecycle to Service Members and Families enabling them to achieve financial readiness in support of mission readiness. The no-cost financial counseling services ensure military consumers receive the consumer protections afforded to them by Congress and reduces the risk of financial challenges and associated stress that may impact individual performance and mission readiness.

Financial education includes but is not limited to:

- ✓ Money Management
- ✓ Budgeting
- ✓ Retirement Planning & the TSP
- ✓ Consumer Debt & Credit Cards
- ✓ Credit Building & Repair
- ✓ Military Pay & Benefits
- ✓ Homebuying
- ✓ Taxes

Contact your PFC Today

☎ 208-272-8332

📍 Gowen Field,
Bldg. 270,
Boise ID



[https://www.imd.idaho.gov/
personal-finance-counseling/](https://www.imd.idaho.gov/personal-finance-counseling/)





**J9 - Idaho National Guard
Service Member & Family Support**

Gowen Field **Food Box Giveaway**

Available to all current
Service Members & Retirees
while supplies last.

**Please Note: MDay and DSG
Service Members & families
receive priority**

**2ND THURSDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH**

ONE box feeds a
family of FOUR



Pick Up Time
11am - 12pm



Pick Up Location
DFAC Area in BLDG 400



For Questions
208.422.5374 | Rebecca.bryant.5@us.af.mil



UP



LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH THESE RESOURCES:

Monthly J9 Drill Letters are distributed to our drilling units and can also be found on our website:



SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

• APRIL 2024

1-800-479-7006

4250 Cessna St BLDG 270

Boise, ID 83705

Visit us online at:

<https://imd.idaho.gov/family-programs/>

A Message From the SAPR Team

Throughout the month of April, the Idaho National Guard recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM). This year's theme from the Department of Defense is "Step Forward. Prevent. Report. Advocate."

Within J9's Service Member and Family Support there are dedicated professionals trained to support sexual assault survivors whenever they are ready to seek assistance. Additionally, to better support the Idaho National Guard's members and their families, the program has expanded services to include individuals who have experienced sexual harassment or domestic violence. **Confidential assistance is available 24/7 by calling 208-447-6166.** Staff can discuss options for reporting, safety planning, and provide referrals to mental health, medical, legal, and chaplain services. Friends and family members of survivors are also encouraged to call if they would like more information on how to support a loved one.

Sexual assault is a crime that impacts too many people within our communities, but everyone can take steps to enact prevention measures and support survivors. Building a culture of prevention starts with ensuring our workplaces foster a sense of respect for every team member. All are encouraged to intervene or report situations that may lead to an unhealthy workplace climate, sexual harassment, discrimination, or sexual assault.

Individuals can also show support for the program by participating in Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month activities. At Gowen Field, a Denim Day Ceremony and 5K event will be hosted on April 24th; a virtual 5K option is available to any members who do not reside in the Treasure Valley. Event details can be obtained by calling 208-272-8400 or going to <https://www.imd.idaho.gov/events/>. We hope to see you in April and remember, when in doubt- reach out!

-Julie Whirlow, State Lead SARC

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

April is Month of the Military Child (MOMC) as well as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) and Volunteer Appreciate Month

- **4th** - Retiree Social (Northern Idaho)
- **5th** - Blood Drive (Gowen)
- **5th-7th** - Free VITA Tax Assistance (Gowen/Online)
- **11th** - Free Food Baskets (Gowen)
- **17th** - Retiree Social (Gowen)
- **24th** - Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention 5K (Gowen)
- **27th** - Secret Garden Tea Party (Gowen)

<https://www.imd.idaho.gov/events/month/>
for more information and registration links!

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities by following us on social media.



COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF RESOURCES



Environmental Health

Look for our new Total Health recaps in every drill letter. This is meant to be a refresher so you can remember to practice healthy habits in all aspects of your life.

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH?

Creating and preserving a space to promote optimal learning, contemplation, and/or relaxation that supports well-being. Caring for belongings by performing regular preventive services to maintain functionality and quality.



KEY POINTS

- Environmental health relates to our surroundings - the things we hear, see, the air we breathe, water quality, climate, and safe accessibility in outdoor areas
- **Creating awareness around the areas that can improve our health and the longevity of the planet**
- **Example:** being aware of climate conditions and what safety measures to follow. Heat conditions - be aware of flag condition, have sufficient water source, electrolytes, protective clothing (loose/light), hat, eye protection, sunscreen
- Stewardship of environment and belongings means caring for the environment and maintaining our belongings
- **Example:** vehicle maintenance to improve longevity and quality (oil change, changing air filters, balancing and rotating tires, replacing old windshield wipers, etc.)

ALL 8 PODCAST THE ULTIMATE "F" WORD

- Check out our episode of the all 8 podcast to learn about food, fitness, and your body
- Learn the difference about disordered eating and an eating disorder
- Is the army height and weight standards healthy?

ALL 8 PODCAST

For more ways to learn about your Total Health check out our podcast All 8 on Spotify.



[Click Here](#)

Introducing: Employment Resource Assistance

SGT Martin Vejar
J9, State Employment Specialist
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208-529-2959

Resume Preparation
Career Development/Transition
Trade Certification Opportunities
Statewide Employer Networking



Download our mobile app featuring amazing new updates! Scan the code below or click [here](#)



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EXPERIENCE THE IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD APP TODAY!

For Service Members, Families, Retirees and more



Featuring new updates!

Join our Facebook group below by clicking [here](#)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <https://www.imd.idaho.gov/idaho-national-guard/family-programs/>



- Events
- Legal Assistance
- ID Cards & DEERS
- Resiliency & Crisis Prevention
- Service Member & Family Support
- Financial Support
- Outreach Services
- Careers



JOIN FACEBOOK

IDNG SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT



Service Member & Family Support

Service Member & Family Support Programs has a variety of support, services and programs that are available for all military members, veterans and families.

We build resilience around the Service Member and Family by connecting them with appropriate resources, training, and community outreach!

See our Resources of Care Booklet (Linked Above) for a complete list of services and providers.

To see the latest news and updates, join our [Facebook group!](#)

Upcoming Events

- 2020 All day **24** Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention 9/24
- 2020 All day **24** Donor Day
- 2020 All day **2** National Day of Prayer

[View Calendar](#)



[CONTACT US](#)

Idaho National Guard J9 - Service Member & Family Support Resources:

Events:

<https://www.imd.idaho.gov/events/>



Service Member & Family Support (Idaho Military Division) Website:

<https://www.imd.idaho.gov/idaho-national-guard/family-programs/>



J9 Resources of Care:

<https://www.imd.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Resources-of-Care-Feb-Updates-1.pdf>



Idaho National Guard Mobile App:

<https://apps.bfacmobile.com/var/apps/browser/index-prod.html#/6475a6337b9d0>



J9 Facebook:

Idaho National Guard Service Member and Family Support

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2905476619553560>



J9 Instagram:

@idng_support



J9 LinkedIn:

IDNG SMFS

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RETIREE OUTREACH PROGRAM

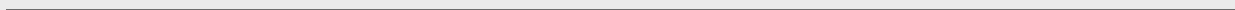
RECRUITING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR RETIREE OUTREACH PROGRAM



The Retiree Outreach Program (ROP) was established in 2012 as a way to keep retired Idaho Army National Guard Members informed and connected to each other and the organization. Initially it was a Treasure Valley-centric effort, but expanded to the entire state with regional representatives in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, and Post Falls. In 2020, the Idaho Air National Guard joined the program. Retirees from both services are now briefed about the program during their retirement out processing. Currently there are over 2,200 registered retirees in the ROP database.

In the spring of 2020, during the coronavirus shutdown, the ROP paused its activities. At that time, several of the founding members of the ROP stepped away from the program. The loss of regional representatives is where the program was most impacted. The Retiree Outreach Program Advisory Council meets quarterly for about an hour. Regional representatives are members of the council who share information about the interests and needs of those in their area. Additionally, we ask that representatives coordinate with units and Service Member & Family Support Specialists, to organize annual Retiree Appreciation Day briefings. Typically, these are done in conjunction with family day activities at battalion headquarters, though each is tailored to local needs. We have a team of representatives who work together in Post Falls, which has worked very well for them. We are looking for one or more folks to represent retirees in areas around Lewiston, Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

If you would like more information or are interested in helping your fellow retirees, please contact either Bill Fackler, our Retirement Services Officer at (208) 272-3815, or by email at william.e.fackler.nfg@mail.mil, or the ROP Outreach Coordinator Dean Hagerman at (208) 608-3353 or by email at deanchagerman@gmail.com.





Hello There!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read and look through our quarterly newsletter.

With that being said... We would like to hear from you!

Is there anything you would like to see on future newsletters?

Please email us back with any suggestions.

P.S We hope to see you at our upcoming events!





A note from your Service Member & Family Support Team

The Idaho National Guard Service Member & Family Support Division encompasses a vast range of programs designed to help Service Members, Dependents, Veterans, Retirees and Family Members with any issue they may encounter. We invite you to take a look at our website and join our Facebook group to stay up-to-date with the latest resources and offers that may benefit you and your Family. Additionally, we always welcome feedback on how we can improve our programs to better serve you.

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