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A Salute to Service

The South Dakota Department of Corrections recognizes the enormous contributions of men and women who have served their country in uniform. We encourage those who have served our country to consider a career with our agency. Veterans make up just more than 9 percent of the South Dakota DOC's workforce. As a veteran of the Armed Services, you may be entitled to preference when seeking employment with state government. [Learn more](#)

To view a brochure on the various positions available, [click here](#).

You can apply for a position with the DOC or other state agencies at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus.aspx>.

Each SDDOC facility has a display honoring those staff members that have served their country.

The SDDOC provides programming and services for those military veterans who are incarcerated in our system. Approximately 8.5 percent of adult prison inmates in South Dakota previously served in the military.

An Incarcerated Veterans Workgroup is working to ensure that incarcerated veterans have access to services and programs available to them, in particular those that maximize opportunities for rehabilitation. This includes ensuring that those incarcerated veterans have copies of their DD Form 214, Certificate of Military Service. The forms are kept in the inmate's file until their release.

The workgroup is also looking to establish a mentorship program to assist incarcerated veterans during release planning and while on parole supervision upon release from prison.

An American Legion Post was established at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield on July 7, 2015. The post is an open post to all veterans that use the American Legion Format for their meetings.

Military newspapers are also provided at MDSP to allow access to military news (Army Times, Navy Times, etc.).