

## **INCARCERATED MEMBERS PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Committee Members:

Hope Summers, Region 3 Director- Program Chair

Joanne Blum, Region Four Director

I have been working with Joanne via the phone and we both agreed that we need to make sure that we have people that are checking on the members that are incarcerated in each state. We are checking to see if there are states that have incarcerated members and do not have the support they need and how we can rectify that situation. My state only had three members and they are around the Columbia area, and I am going to ask that Ron Hagell from the Chapter 303 to check on those members and see if they are veterans or just civilian members. That will give us more information on what needs to be done to help those members.

One thing I want to do is find out from the class if they have people that take care of attending to the needs of the regular incarcerated members. I know that they take care of the veterans, but we should never leave the regular member to fend for themselves. If they do not, then we need to address these needs as well as those for the veterans.

When I can attain a meeting the with director over the Upstate Justice Involved Warrior Advocate, then I will be able to see exactly what is in place for the Vet Court and other services that are offered in this immediate area. That will give me the information to get to the rest of the state in case there are no programs already in place.

I have a motion to accept a member to the program and we are looking forward to working with him. We have a good crew and I look forward to working with them on this program.

Hope Summers, Region 3 Director