

VETERANS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
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Buckeye State Council exec board recently had a phone conference with the new Director of Corrections and her parole board. Several subjects were discussed including what information should members bring to parole hearings; what info would be most helpful and generally how to present themselves at hearings. Also discussed was housing issues for veterans being released or paroled. This is a National issue and needs to be addressed. In Ohio, most VA facilities won't accept a person with felony convictions. This is a real problem because they won't be granted parole if they don't have a place to go and most don't have family or a place to live.

I have also been working with Rick Talford, Region 6 to change AVVA's policy concerning Incarcerated Associates. We believe that anyone should be able to join AVVA, veteran or not. Most wardens establish guidelines for membership in organizations and we feel that it's up to the chapters who they grant membership too.

Respectfully submitted,

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