

# The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall (CVMH)



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- The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall (CVMH) is open Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm.
- We support on average approximately 1000 veterans, their family members, and the public per month. We host events and rentals throughout the week and weekend.
- Our volunteer hours in our community over the previous year totaled 17,674 hours over numerous programs and activities.
- Our calendar and pictures of events can be found on our website:

**[cvmh-vets.org](http://cvmh-vets.org)**

# The Caldwell Veterans Council

- **The Caldwell Veterans Council was established to manage the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.**  
Implement and enforce the scheduling, organizing, planning and development of improvements and maintenance for the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall, monitoring and conducting business affairs to include an annual budget and assuring the historic preservation of the building.

# The Caldwell Veterans Council

- Promote programs and activities that strengthen our community. Foster camaraderie among veterans, empower veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity, ensure that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fight for the interests of America's injured heroes, advocate on behalf of all veterans and educate the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans and their families transitioning back into civilian life.

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- **Primary Liaison.** Assist code enforcement, law enforcement, Third Judicial District and Veterans' Treatment Court when veterans require assistance in meeting ordinance requirements, community service, homelessness and at-risk behavior. We provide leadership and volunteers to conduct dedications and ceremonies throughout our communities for school programs, civic organizations and community service opportunities. Primary holidays supported are Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

# The Caldwell Veterans Council

- **Thirteen-member Board of Directors.** Ratified and approved by the city each year to manage the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall and to coordinate improvements or maintenance when required to sustain the building and property in a safe and appropriate condition and assuring the building's historic relevance is preserved.

# The Caldwell Veterans Council

- **Manage the yearly calendar.** Coordinate use for the Carrie L French, Chapter 1, Disabled American Veterans, Post 3886 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Snake River Detachment 1488, Marine Corps League, Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, and the CPT Art Jackson Young Marines Program as primary users, civic organizations and program resource providers.

***“In everything we do, we believe in improving the lives of our veterans.”***

- We are consolidating efforts of our veteran service organizations and improving communications with other groups such as Joining Forces Idaho and the Idaho Veteran Network made up of over 160 resource providers to improve the quality and availability of programs and services. We provide daily, weekly, and monthly programs, services, and activities that promote our core values and mission.



# Programs and Services Being Provided

- We host a weekly AA/substance abuse program, and scheduled counseling for veterans and family members. Counseling choices are focused towards deployment, marriage, post-traumatic stress, economic and we will soon add group and individual counseling for homelessness, suicide prevention and behavioral health.
- COMPACT ACT is a new program available through the VA Medical System that provides funding for veterans having a mental health crisis to go to any emergency room or hospital and receive resident and out-patient care.

# Programs and Services Being Provided

- Office space is provided for a full-time nationally certified Veteran Service Officer (IDVS) that assists veterans with filing for VA benefits and compensation, education and training, burial, survivor and widow benefits and resource coordination.
- We coordinate with multiple resource providers for housing, employment, medical and mental health assistance, legal assistance, and humanitarian support at no cost to the city or county.

# Impact and Target Demographic

- Canyon County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest veteran population in the state. There is an estimated 15,842 veterans in Canyon County with approximately 47,526 family members, 6,020 of those veterans have disabilities and 3,238 of those veterans with disabilities are rated at 100% (2022 numbers). Direct impact of *Federal Dollars* back into this area from military pensions and disability compensation is estimated to exceed \$84 million dollar. (2016 Federal Statistics)

# Impact and Target Demographic

- Caldwell is included in Region 3 of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (2021) study which identifies sheltered and unsheltered homelessness persons. Region 3 is Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties with a total of 633 unsheltered homeless persons identified. This zone has recorded more unsheltered homeless persons than any other area in the state. Currently, Region 3 has zero shelter beds available.

# Impact and Target Demographic

- Region 7 which is Ada County recorded a combined total of sheltered and unsheltered homeless of 575. The total for the state is 1,889. The significance of this is that approximately 25% of homeless adults are veterans and Region 3 has no resources available such as shelters or housing facilities.

# Impact and Target Demographic

- The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall has a shower that is used on a regular basis by homeless and at-risk veterans. We offer personal hygiene items and some clothing and outerwear (boots, coats, scarves, and stocking caps).
- The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall is utilized as a “Cooling Station” in the summer months during our hours of operations.

# Impact and Target Demographic

- The humanitarian aid from our veteran organizations to veterans in our community during FY 2023 exceeded \$35,000. We make a direct impact in the lives of our veterans and their families that improves their quality of life and lessens the impact on city, county and partner resources. We provide programs, services and activities that are not available anywhere else in the West-end of the Treasure Valley.

# Conclusion

- We request that you continue the \$36,500 annual grant for FY 2025 so that we can continue to provide the programs and services that improve the quality of life for our veterans and contributes to their becoming active participants in our community.