Veteran and Military Criminal Justice Involvement: Pathways to Offending

Since the onset of the Second World War, there has been a steady if not modest body of research focused on veterans and the criminal justice system. Over the last two decades and shortly after the start of the Global War on Terror, this research has largely become oriented around two perspectives, the Violent Veteran Model and Self-Medication Hypothesis. Despite these paradigms being present in veteran research for the better part of 50 years, there is little consensus as to why veterans engage in crime within the broader literature. Considering this, there is a demonstrated need to revisit both the Self Medication Hypothesis and Violent Veteran Model in order to form a more holistic picture of the etiology of veteran offending. The current study provides a framework for the Deployment Offending Nexus for veterans and tests that framework using Structural Equation Modeling. Despite general support for a unified model, findings suggested that the effect of military service-related factors on subsequent offending were moderate at best. As a result, the current project demonstrates the potential need for a holistic model of veteran offending which is inclusive of factors outside of the purview of deployments and combat.

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