

## Eligibility

\*Must be eligible for VA care:

An honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge from military service, must have served 24 consecutive months of active duty if enlisted after 09/08/1980.

- Willingness to participate in all aspects of treatment and programming by adhering to all
- Policies, rules and regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Approved for release or parole. VA cannot provide custodial care. All VA Reentry Initiatives are made in conjunction with Arkansas Department of Corrections.

## Helpful Websites

Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov>

Military Personnel Records  
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

VA Regional Office

**1(800)827-1000**

Suicide Hot-Line for Vets  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Homeless Hotline  
877-424-3838



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## Healthcare for Reentry Veterans Guide to Services



## Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

## Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program

CAVHS is committed to providing services to assist incarcerated Veterans in federal, and state, institutions to achieve successful re-entry and to become productive members of the community.

### Mission

The Incarcerated Veterans Reentry Program provides Veteran-specific services to incarcerated Veterans, in order to assist them in making successful re-entry into the community.

## How to know if a Veteran is eligible for VA services

Eligibility will be determined by VA upon review of a Veteran's discharge paper, (DD-214). HCRV Coordinators/Specialists can assist the Veteran with obtaining this document.

Basic requirements include but are not limited to:

- Honorable or General Discharge from service.
- Veterans who enlisted after September 8, 1980 must have served 24 consecutive months active duty..
- National Guard and Reservists may also qualify for VA benefits if they were called to active duty (other than for training) by Federal order.

***Eligibility determination is based on each individual's service; we encourage all Veterans to apply for VA services.***



## What is Healthcare for Re-entry Veterans?

- Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) is a VA outreach program designed to identify and assist Veterans that are incarcerated in state or federal prison who are within six months of release.
- The HCRV Coordinator/Specialist provides educational information to incarcerated Veterans and Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) staff about Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).
- The HCRV Specialist can assist Veterans with obtaining their military discharge papers (DD-214), and enroll eligible Veterans for care at their nearest VA health care facility prior to their release from prison.
- A pre-release assessment will be conducted with each Veteran to assist with proper referral to medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, as well as establish vocational and housing needs.
- Short term case management will be provided by the HCRV Specialist to assist the Veteran with the transition from Arkansas Department of Correction and linkage to VA resources and services.