### 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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Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
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.

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.*

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.