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VETERAN CORRECTIONS COMPLEX

A New Standard in Veteran Care

The Center for Warriors Foundation (CFW) is not just a veteran organization; it is a catalyst for landmark change in post-military wellness. As one of the fastest-growing veteran organizations in Montana, we have pioneered unique, evidence-based programs that challenge the veteran suicide crisis with unprecedented innovation. This includes the creation of two distinct designations for Post-Traumatic Stress: Injured Warrior Syndrome (IWS) and Broken Warrior Syndrome (BWS), each with uniquely tailored treatment paths designed to save lives. So far we have treated over 125 badly damaged veterans, (some of whom have already attempted suicide) using our new technologies to treat BWS. So far we have rebuilt every life, restoring their desire to live. So far, zero veterans have taken their own lives.

According to the DOC website Snapshot, there are 3400 people in the Montana Prison system today with another 101 people waiting for transit to our prisons. The total maximum capacity is 3,450. The national average of veteran prisoners are at 8%. Meanwhile, Montana's rate is nearly 12%. That means that we have approximately 400 veterans in our prison system. 29.2% will re-offend. That means roughly 117 veteran prisoners will re-offend. This means that the 400 number will continue to grow unless something is done.

- There are estimates that as many as 22,500 veterans in Montana, are still suffering from some sort of PTSD with 29% of those from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, being the most severe totaling 6,525 veterans.
- 15% of those are suffering from Injured Warrior Syndrome (IWS). While 85% suffer from Broken Warrior Syndrome (BWS) totaling 5,546 veterans. These are the veterans who take their own lives or their lives unravel. As you can see by our studies, BWS cannot be treated with medication and mental health.
- Yet, drugs are pumped into them. These are the people we have focused upon and have created programs. In the past few years, we have had great success treating 128 individuals with 100% success.
- There are thousands that we have not yet reached. These are the individuals at risk for suicide or getting into trouble with the law.

Based on our research, the current number of veterans in prison will skyrocket unless we do something. We can begin by eliminating the 12% re-offenders. Center for Warriors Foundation is working diligently on the rest.

These are mind-boggling numbers. We need to start preparing:

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What we are proposing is different from anything in the world. We call it the **Veteran Corrections Complex**. It will consist of a 2-story octagon with classrooms, counseling offices, conference rooms, PT & OT, Health Center, Basketball Court, lap pool and an auditorium. It will have 6 connecting wings as follows:

- Courthouse for our Vet Court, law offices and offices for staffing
- Pre-release Center proposed to be operated by Boyd Andrews
- Prison Determent Program
- Apartments for Outpatient Care
- Veteran Homeless Rehabilitation Center
- Veteran Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation Center

Vet Court: With a below average monthly need for a Vet Court for the Tri-County area of Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson Counties by approximately 18%, we propose that the cost reductions of nearly 40% will balance the need and would allow approval for the court. We are proposing that Standing Master Hannah Roe be accepted as the judge since there are no District Court Judges available.

Veteran Pre-release Center: There are many Pre-release Centers across Montana. A few of them do have some moderate courses. But even fewer of them have programs targeting veterans specifically. It is during this time that we can all but eliminate the 29% of those who are destined to re-offend. For the other 71%, we can completely rebuild their lives making them healthier and stronger citizens once again and help them build a strong future. The classes we will offer will do that.

The Prison Determent Program (PDP) will be a medium level 1 security Prison for the veterans who qualify for this program. This will be operated by DOC. The PDP would allow every judge across Montana to hand down a 5-year sentence with 3 years deferred provided that the veteran successfully completes the 2-year program within the PDP. Once completed successfully, the record will be expunged without any required parole.

Outpatient Care Apartments: These apartments can be used for many purposes. They can be used for the Vet Court, outpatient care for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, as a halfway house and so much more. With the connecting corridors to the Homeless Rehabilitation Center and the movable barrier walls, we can adjust the room counts either way as needed.

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Veteran Homeless Rehabilitation Center: Rehabilitating Homeless veterans when they have been homeless for years has proven to be the hardest. I have personally experienced trying to help a homeless person after years of being homeless. After only a few months of struggling, they quite often give up. They find that being homeless is easier. Our veterans are the same. We will rebuild their lives in every aspect.

Veteran Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center: This center will specialize in serving our veterans only. They are trying to numb the effects of BWS. We not only will help them recover from their addiction and take them through the steps, but we will also give them the tools to eliminate BWS and address their Moral Injury.

Each of the 6 wings will be controlled by the specialized agency. While the Center for Warriors Foundation will control the Octagon Building and will produce its already successful programs along with many other programs for rebuilding the lives of each male and female veteran and prepare them for a new life without the threat of reoffending. We will also add some outbuildings such as a barn for our horses and other programs.

The Veteran Corrections Complex is designed to deliver exceptional value by combining six specialized wings around a shared core of services, facilities, and support systems. This integrated model will significantly reduce construction and operating costs compared with building or running separate facilities. Even more important, the complex is built to address the root causes of veteran incarceration, addiction, homelessness, and re-offense. By helping veterans rebuild their lives, return to their communities, and avoid repeated involvement in the correctional system, this center can produce lasting savings for taxpayers while strengthening families and improving public safety across Montana.

For more information about our services, please visit our website at: www.centerforwarriors.org

Thank you,

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