

## V2A Veterans Re-Entry Project – FOB Hope

### **Veterans Villages of America (“V2A”):**

V2A is a 501.c.3 with the mission: *To combine many of the distinctly diverse programs and policies servicing our veterans into a unifying effort, which will improve the economic well-being and quality of life for our veterans. And to create a unified plan which is replicable throughout the United States. Simply stated, **A Unity of Effort***

### **Arkansas Department of Community Corrections (“ADCC”):**

ADOC established a committee to identify property no longer needed where transfer to an NGO could benefit the department’s mission and reduce the financial burden of state tax payers. A fifty-two-acre facility in Pine Bluff was identified. The ADOC committee recommended and the Board of Corrections formally approved transfer of this property to V2A.

### **V2A’s Veteran Re-Entry Project – “Forward Operating Base Hope”:**

A highly structured program posturing “targeted” (incarcerated, homeless, and “at risk”) Veterans for successful re-entry into their communities as productive citizens.

This will be accomplished by:

- Housing and training “targeted” Veterans in a highly structured environment they are familiar with and operate well in.
- Developing a *personalized* “transition/re-entry” plan for each Veteran with objective measurable outcomes that is “mission oriented versus time oriented”.
- Providing programs to accomplish prescribed plan objectives/outcomes.
- Creating jobs at the facility and the surrounding community (Jefferson County).
- Ensuring each “targeted” Veteran receives all the benefits they are entitled to (Health, Disability, College, GI Bill, etc....) bringing new federal dollars into the state and the communities where they will be living.

### **Summary:**

V2A’s project will showcase Arkansas as a “Veteran Friendly State” by ensuring Veterans in most need successfully re-enter their communities as productive citizens versus being an economic burden or becoming a “statistic”.