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**MCIH Veteran-Inmates To Hold Walk-a-Thon
Benefiting Fisher House Rehabilitation Center
For Disabled and Wounded Soldiers**

Saturday, May 9

TOWSON, MD (May 7, 2009)---The Incarcerated Veterans Group at Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown will sponsor an inmate walk-a-thon to benefit a long term care facility for wounded soldiers and military personnel on Saturday morning, May 9 at the prison. All proceeds raised---donated by the inmates--- will be given to Fisher House, which also provides long-term living accommodations for the families of the veterans in its care. Fisher House, with locations nationwide, including in Maryland, DC, and Virginia, spends only 2.8 cents of every dollar on overhead; the rest goes directly to the soldiers, veterans, and their loved ones.

The veterans group at MCI has been involved in a number of pioneering projects recently. The inmates are the first in the nation to record their wartime and service stories for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, a nationwide outreach intended to record for all time the stories that otherwise may be forgotten or lost.

MCI-H has a number of programs and rehabilitative efforts designed to allow inmates to "pay society back" a little through restorative justice components, as well as make them more accountable for their actions. The veterans group at MCI-H has been a leading participant in these efforts.

**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WISHING TO COVER THE WALK-A-THON MUST
CALL THE NUMBER ABOVE BY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

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