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Two Hagerstown Prison Veterans' Groups Raise Nearly \$3,500 for Charity in Walk-A-Thons

TOWSON, MD (September 28, 2009)--- Hundreds of inmates at two Hagerstown prisons walked for good causes this past weekend in walk-a-thons sponsored by the facilities' veterans' groups.

Nearly four hundred inmates at MCTC participated in a walk-a-thon for the U.S.O. on Saturday, September 26, making \$5 donations in order to participate. Thanks to their efforts, spearheaded by the prison's veterans group, the U.S.O. will receive nearly \$2,000 as a result of the walk-a-thon.

On the same day, the Incarcerated Veterans of Roxbury held its own walk-a-thon to benefit The Special Ops Warrior Foundation. That walk-a-thon drew 250 inmates, and raised more than \$1,200 for the charity.

Later this fall, the veteran's group at MCI-H will also hold a walk-a-thon for charity.

All three Hagerstown DOC facilities have thriving veterans' groups which contribute to society in a number of ways. MCI's veterans are the first in the nation to record their service stories on tape for the Library of Congress. Roxbury's veterans recently held the first POW MIA remembrance ceremony ever held behind bars.

And veterans in all three Hagerstown facilities may eventually qualify for a first-in-the-nation program, developed by DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard in cooperation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which allows certain honorably discharged veterans the opportunity to work in State veteran cemeteries.

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MCTC Inmates Walk for the U.S.O. on 9/26



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