

The logo for Loring Veterans Community (LVC) features the letters "LVC" in a white, serif font, centered within a large, downward-pointing triangle. The triangle has a dark green background with a lighter green, textured pattern. The triangle is set against a solid dark green background.

*LVC*

*“Veterans Helping Veterans”*

Loring Veterans Community



# Mission Statement

- To provide a safe location for veterans to utilize short and long term rehabilitation and housing while providing necessary services that many of our veterans need.



# Vision

- To facilitate veteran homelessness transition to the community, as the political and economic climate supports, where veterans can experience increased independence, safety, and employability, while at the same time contributing to community safety, stability, and growth.



# The Team

- President – John DeVeau
- Vice President – Vaughn Hardacker
- Treasurer – Dan Durepo
- Secretary – Rudy St.Peter



# Concept

## Location:

- Loring Air Force base in Aroostook County.
- Utilize a number of vacant buildings that currently have facilities which could be operational within 90 days
- Site survey completed with Carl Flora CEO for LDA



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- Location provides plenty of growth capabilities
- EMS services currently located on Loring
- Consolidate current VA centers in Aroostook county to be housed at one location



# Loring Veterans Community Building



- Building is ready to move in and each room is furnished
- New roof within the previous 5 years
- Metal siding
- Needs boiler system updated
- Needs phone, TV and internet systems
- No air-conditioning



# Single Rooms (26) with shared bathrooms







# Suites (3) with private bathrooms





# Amenities



- Laundry facilities on both floors
- Gathering Room on second floor
- Small workout room on first floor
- Softball & Soccer field within walking distance
- Tennis courts could be fixed or resurfaced



# Additional Facilities





# Key Issues

## Near term

- Start up funding for first 3 years
- Notify area agencies of the availability of resources for veterans
- Agreements in place with surrounding medical facilities
- Land use agreement with the Loring Development Agency (LDA)

## Long term

- Sustainable funding sources
- Further loss of veteran lives due to lack of programs and funding to combat issues that many veterans face



# Business Concept

## 501.C.3

- Community would be a non-profit organization run by veterans for veterans and their families
- Provide in & out patient services
- Short & Long term housing
- Chapel services
- Day care center
- Commissary



# Competition

## Presque Isle Homeless Shelter

- Cannot admit veterans that have psychiatric issues, medication or history of drug and or alcohol abuse
- Does not accept anyone with violent history
- Does not treat the veterans issues



# Goals & Objectives

## Startup to Third – year goals

- Increase the number of veteran resources available statewide
- Reduce the need to have veterans go out of state for services that could be provided locally
- Provide long term programs that are not available currently
- Additional Service Officers to assist veterans in getting information and benefits that they have earned



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## Three to Five-year goals

- To have the five buildings identified fully functional and assisting veterans
- To have the first intake of veterans transitioning from a “walk phase” to the “run phase”
- To have sustainable funding sources to maintain the community
- Specialize in long term care for our veterans





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## Five to Ten – year goals

- Have functioning Armed to Farm program greenhouses producing grown herbs and vegetables
- Green energy systems in place to reduce cost by tapping in to programs like the Community – Based Renewable Energy Pilot program
- Have a large number of veterans that have completed the program back out in their communities



# Resource Requirements

- Trained Medical and Professional staffing
- Administrative personnel
- Access to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) program
- Food providers
- Equipment sources
- Computers, software and technology
- Medical supplies



# Risks & Rewards

## Risks

- Loss of funding sources
- Poor implementation
- Political or Governmental reliance
- Inadequate resources provided



# Risks & Rewards

## Addressing Risks

- Find Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) that will assist with funding this program
- Initiate programs that will reduce overhead cost while producing cost savings
- No reliance on federal funding



# Risks & Rewards

## Rewards

- Helping veterans in their time of need
- Getting homeless veterans somewhere safe
- Providing addiction and mental health providers
- Combat the high suicide rate among veterans



# Something to think about.

**Doesn't the Department of Veterans Affairs take care of homeless veterans?**

- Yes, they do. But the problem of homelessness among veterans is a big one. The VA served more than 92,000 homeless veterans in 2009. **With an estimated 500,000 veterans homeless at some time during the year, the VA reaches 20% of those in need, leaving 400,000 veterans without supportive services. (DVNF.org)**

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