

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Proceeds from Lease Termination of Fisher Armory presented to Youth Challenge**

### ***~Governor Asa Hutchinson to present \$500,000 to Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge***

**WHO:** Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson

**WHAT:** Will present a check for \$500,000 from the sale of Fisher Armory to the Arkansas National Guard's Youth Challenge.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 1, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** The ceremony will be in the Governor's Conference room at the State Capitol.

**WHY:** LITTLE ROCK, ARK— Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson will present the Arkansas National Guard's Youth Challenge with a check for \$500,000 stemming from the proceeds of the termination of the lease of Fisher Armory between the State of Arkansas and the City of North Little Rock, Ark.

Fisher Armory, located off of the I-30/I-40 Interchange, in North Little Rock, has played a vital role in the Arkansas National Guard since 1958. Recognizing costs associated with modernization and sustaining a 60 year old building, a community need in North Little Rock and efficiencies in government the decision was made to relocate soldiers from Fisher Armory to more modern facilities at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock.

Hutchinson said, "The State of Arkansas and the City of North Little Rock entered into an agreement where the State of Arkansas would terminate our lease (on Fisher Armory) with the city for \$500,000.

"I have directed the proceeds from this lease termination to go toward enhancing our National Guard Youth Training Program located at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock."

The Arkansas National Guard's Youth Challenge (YCP) is a voluntary program open to males and females ages 16 – 18 years old where at risk youths receive the structure and educational development needed to get on a better course for their life.

Hutchinson said, "Today is a great day for our "at risk" youth" in Arkansas. It is also a great day for the community of North Little Rock, our taxpayers and the Military Department of Arkansas.

"The Youth Challenge program is a tremendous program that provides structure and develops our at risk youth in areas that include: Leadership, citizenship, community service, physical fitness and academic excellence."

More than 90 percent of YCP graduates are now employed, continuing their education or serving in the military.