

## U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)

### Eligibility



#### What is AW2?

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), a major component of the Army's [Warrior Care and Transition Program \(WCTP\)](#), was established in 2004. AW2 supports severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, Veterans, their Families and Caregivers with the rehabilitation and reintegration process until a point where they are fully transitioned to Federal, State and local agencies for enduring support.

#### Who is eligible for AW2?

In order to be considered eligible for entry into AW2, Soldiers must have sustained wounds, illness, or injuries incurred in the line of duty (LOD) after September 10, 2001 and received, or are expected to receive at least a 30 percent Army disability rating from the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) for one of the following conditions:

- a. Blindness or loss of vision
- b. Loss of limb
- c. Hearing loss/deafness
- d. Burns or permanent disfigurement
- e. Paralysis/spinal cord injury
- f. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- g. Fatal *and* incurable disease with limited life expectancy of one year or less  
OR
- h. Receive a 30 percent IDES (Army) Disability Rating for any other Combat Related Condition, or condition caused by an instrumentality of war, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other Behavioral Health (BH) conditions (answering yes on DA Form 199 to V1/V3)  
OR
- i. Receive a *combined* 50 percent IDES (Army) Disability Rating for any other Combat Related Conditions or conditions caused by an instrumentality of war (answering yes on DA Form 199 to V1/V3)

#### Is every wounded Soldier eligible for AW2?

No. To be eligible for AW2, a wounded Soldier or Veteran has to meet the Eligibility Requirements for inclusion in the program. Please refer to "Who is eligible for AW2?" for AW2 Eligibility criteria.

The AW2 Director has the authority to approve an exception to policy to allow a Soldier or Veteran not meeting the Eligibility criteria into the AW2 Program on a case by case basis.

#### Do Soldiers with a 50 percent disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) qualify for AW2?

No, You must meet the Army rating requirements for AW2. A VA disability rating is different from the Army Physical Disability Agency (PDA) rating. AW2 eligibility determination is based on the Army rating and the Army rates for Service fitness, while the VA rates service connection.

#### For more information or to enroll in AW2 please contact the AW2 Call Center for assistance:

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