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Army Honors Wounded, Ill and Injured Soldiers during Warrior Care Month

Alexandria, VA — Each November the Army honors wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families by commemorating Warrior Care Month. This year's theme is "Show of Strength."

"The Warrior Transition Command (WTC) ensures that wounded, ill and injured Soldiers assigned to Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) receive world class care and services," said Col. Chris Toner, Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Commander, Warrior Transition Command. "Warrior care means building resilience and ensuring Soldiers are strong in mind, body and spirit. Warrior Care Month highlights the resilience and strength of these Soldiers and their Families and caregivers."

Throughout November the Army will host events honoring these men and women, highlighting their contributions, sacrifices, recoveries, and transitions back to the force or transitions as successful Veterans.

Since 2007 the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program has provided the best possible support to wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families throughout the recovery and transition. This scalable, comprehensive program supports a Soldier-centric process of medical care, rehabilitation and professional development through:

- 25 WTUs at major military treatment facilities across the United States and in Germany, including 11 Community Care Units where Soldiers can recover in their local communities near their Families and support systems
- Personalized Comprehensive Transition Plans for each WTU Soldier, with short- and long-term objectives that focus on a holistic approach in the following domains: career, physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and Family
- Professional cadre that spans all aspects of medical and non-medical care
- The Army Wounded Warrior Program, established in 2004, provides personal support to the most severely wounded, ill or injured Soldiers and their Families, including into veteran status
- Adaptive sports and reconditioning programs at WTUs enable Soldiers to improve physically and mentally and contributes to a successful recovery and transition
- A Career and Employment Readiness program enables Soldiers to return to school, earn civilian certifications, and/or participate in internships to gain civilian work experience

Warrior Care Month events include a Wounded Warrior Healing Arts Recognition ceremony on November 12; the annual joint services sitting volleyball competition, Nov. 19; and wheelchair rugby exhibition slated for Nov. 20 at Joint Base Andrews. More information on events in the National Capitol Region and at WTUs across the United States is available on the WTC website at <http://www.wtc.army.mil/>.

The WTC's mission is to serve as the Army's proponent for Warrior Care and Transition; provide centralized oversight, guidance, and advocacy empowering wounded, ill or injured Soldiers, Veterans, and Families through a comprehensive transition plan for successful reintegration back into the force or into the community with dignity, respect and self-determination. For more information on WTC, visit the new WTC website, www.WTC.army.mil, follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/armyWTC> and Facebook at <http://facebook.com/armyWTC>.