



MEDIA ALERT

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Media Roundtable: U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) Commemorates 10th Anniversary

Alexandria, VA – On Tuesday, April 22 the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) and U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) will host a media and bloggers roundtable honoring AW2's 10th Anniversary. Participants will include WTC and AW2 leaders and amputee soldiers who conducted peer mentoring with amputee victims of the Boston Marathon bombing last year.

AW2 observes its 10th anniversary this April, commemorating a decade of impact for more than 19,000 of the most severely wounded, ill and injured soldiers and families. As part of the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP), AW2 supports these soldiers in all aspects of their life throughout the recovery and transition process, whether back to the force or on to civilian life. The AW2 model of personalized support extends through a corps of more than 200 AW2 Advocates at Army and Veterans Affairs facilities throughout the country and a team of transition professionals at AW2 headquarters to help resolve more complex issues. These AW2 Advocates work within the system to help each soldier anticipate challenges, identify programs and benefits and ensure continuity of care throughout the recovery and transition process.

Peer mentoring is one process that helps soldiers in their own recoveries. Many AW2 Soldiers have injuries similar to those sustained by the victims of last year's Boston Marathon bombing. Four wounded, ill or injured soldiers from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center went to Boston to lend their expertise and share experiences with the victims. In the last year, each of these soldiers completed in-patient care, and they are back in uniform, attending school and raising awareness of the challenges facing soldiers and others with severe physical injuries.

- WHO:** Col. Johnny Davis, AW2 Director
Mr. Thomas Webb, WTC Deputy and Acting Commander
Wounded Soldiers who met with Boston Marathon bombing victims and have benefitted from AW2 support
- WHAT:** AW2 10th Anniversary Media Round Table
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 22, 10-11 a.m.
- WHERE:** OCPA Conference Room (Pentagon 1E462)
- Dial-In:** Toll-free dial-in number (U.S. and Canada): (877) 885-1087
International dial-in number: (360) 347-7805
Conference code: 3115469416
- RSVP:** Tatjana Christian, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs
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All media must register for credentials.

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command. WTC provides oversight for the Warrior Care and Transition Program that is implemented at the Army's 29 Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) and through the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). At WTUs, each soldier develops a personalized comprehensive transition plan with short- and long-term goals in six domains: physical, social, spiritual, emotional, family and career. For the most severely wounded, AW2 Advocates provide personalized support throughout the recovery and transition process. To learn more, visit http://WTC.army.mil/announcements/AW2_10th_Anniversary.html.

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