



U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)

AW2 Advocates provide personalized support during each phase of the Wounded Warrior Lifecycle to ensure that Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families receive the appropriate benefits and entitlements for the next phases of their lives. AW2 continues to evolve and grow in order to address the changing needs of AW2 Soldiers, Veterans, and Families as they progress through their recovery and transition into their life post-injury. The AW2 Career and Education Section was developed to serve as a resource to enhance the AW2 Advocate's ability to help Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families with employment and educational goals.

Career Development

The AW2 Career and Education Section and AW2 Advocates assist Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families to make objective, informed career goals and decisions by:

- Providing accurate and updated resources
- Utilizing a career and education resource guide
- Working closely with the Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP) to utilize their career preparation and opportunity services for Soldiers and their Families
- Making referrals to Army, federal, and other service organizations
- Hosting regional career expositions
- Facilitating referrals to employers who have an expedited hiring process for wounded warriors
- Working closely with federal, state, and local organizations and corporations to create employment and educational opportunities for Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families

"We decided that I would go back to work to teach and my husband would be home with our son. Our AW2 Advocate made some phone calls and I was probably set up to teach a lot faster. That is going to work great for our Family."

—Spouse of AW2 Veteran

Education

AW2 Advocates assist Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families with their educational goals by:

- Disseminating information on educational opportunities
- Ensuring access to the necessary educational materials and equipment
- Facilitating educational financial assistance and benefits
- Working with several universities to provide educational initiatives





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is the official Army program that serves severely wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families, wherever they are located, for as long as it takes. AW2 supports the most severely wounded Soldiers since 9/11 who have, or are expected to receive, an Army disability rating of 30% or greater in one or more specific categories or a combined rating of 50% or greater for conditions that are the result of combat or are combat related.

AW2 is one element of the Army's focus on caring for wounded Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families. AW2 Soldiers, Veterans, and Families are assigned an AW2 Advocate and may be assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) to focus on healing. The AW2 Advocate supports the WTU Triad of Care team consisting of a primary care physician, nurse case manager, and a military squad leader. AW2 assists and advocates for more than 8,400 severely wounded Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families. More than 170 AW2 Advocates are located throughout the country where there are large concentrations of AW2 Soldiers at VA Polytrauma Centers, VA facilities, Military Treatment Facilities, and most military installations.

AW2 Advocates Provide:

- Personalized, local support for as long as it takes, regardless of location or military status
- Assistance with day-to-day issues in recovery, as well as longer-term decisions, such as choosing to remain in the Army or to medically retire
- Support throughout the entire six-phase Wounded Warrior Lifecycle



(left to right) AW2 Veteran and Soldiers Wes Fine, CW3 Ari Jean-Baptiste, CPT Tim Hornik, and CPT Gates Brown graduated with their master's degrees from Kansas University.

Throughout the Wounded Warrior Lifecycle, AW2 Advocates assist wounded Soldiers and their Families with:

- Benefit information
- Career guidance
- COAD/COAR support
- Education opportunities
- Financial audits
- Government agency coordination
- Lifetime assistance
- Local resources
- MEB/PEB guidance

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