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## Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) Launches New Expanded Website to Support Soldiers and Family Members

Alexandria, VA —In honor of Warrior Care Month, the Army Wounded Warrior Program unveiled a new website with approximately 50 pages of new content and images. The site, www.AW2.army.mil, provides accurate information to more than 3600 severely wounded, injured and ill soldiers, their families, potential employers and the general public. In addition to finding resources online, soldiers enrolled in the program, and their families, can interact through the AW2 blog and submit feedback. The ultimate goal of the site is to provide one more way to help the most severely wounded soldiers and their families as they transition to their lives after injury, whether that is back into service or into civilian life.

## The site includes:

- Benefits information including Veterans Affairs programs, career/education funding and a link to an online benefit calculator
- <u>Family Corner</u> complete with information on injuries, links to additional resources and common issues children face
- AW2 Advocate map with complete information on AW2 Advocates across the country

"Although soldiers and families in our program have access to their personal advocate locally to work with one-onone, they now also have another source of information through AW2's new website," stated Col. Jim Rice, Army Wounded Warrior Program director. "This site is just one more way AW2 is working to ensure our wounded warriors are supported for as long as it takes."

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) is the official Army program that serves severely wounded, injured, and ill Soldiers and their Families, wherever they are located, for as long as it takes. AW2 supports the most severely wounded Soldiers from the Global War on Terrorism 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. Typical injuries include: severe burns, limb loss, paralysis, vision and hearing loss, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Each AW2 soldier is assigned to an AW2 Advocate, to personally assist them and their family. AW2 Advocates are located at military treatment facilities, most military installations and VA medical centers across the country. They serve soldiers and families by working with them to obtain full benefits, educational opportunities, and financial and career counseling, as well as helping those who want to stay in the Army and continue their service.

For more information about the Army Wounded Warrior Program, or the eligibility, call 1-800-237-1336 toll-free or visit <a href="http://www.AW2.army.mil">http://www.AW2.army.mil</a>.