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### **WTC Commander Kicks Off Wounded Warrior Employment Conference With Call to Action**

Ft. Belvoir, VA – Brig. Gen. Darryl A. Williams launched the 2012 Wounded Warrior Employment Conference with a call to action for the 200 attendees, challenging each to hire five wounded, ill or injured veterans in the next year.

The Wounded Warrior Employment Conference is a joint effort by the four military service wounded warrior programs and federal agencies involved with the employment of wounded warriors. In its second year, the theme for the conference is “Educate – Empower – Employ.” Federal and private sector employment officials learned about best practices in hiring wounded, ill, and injured veterans and their spouses and how to make each hire a success.

“Wounded, ill, and injured veterans and their families are resilient,” said Brig. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Commander of the Warrior Transition Command. “They’ve overcome incredible, life-altering physical and behavioral injuries that most of us can’t even begin to comprehend. And despite all that, they’re looking forward to tomorrow—to finding a job that will help them build a better life and provide for themselves and their families.”

Members of the media were onsite for the first day of the conference. Media are still invited to attend the Wednesday morning session of the conference:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Covenant Signing:** Representatives of the federal agencies sponsoring the conference will sign the Wounded Warrior Employment Community Covenant and Support Agreement at 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Officers’ Club, Fort Belvoir

**Interviews:** Service members and military, federal and corporate leaders will be available to interview.

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The Warrior Transition Command is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command. WTC’s mission is to develop, coordinate and integrate the Army’s Warrior Care and Transition Program for wounded, ill and injured soldiers, veterans and their families. For more information on WTC, visit the new WTC website, [www.WTC.army.mil](http://www.WTC.army.mil), follow on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/armyWTC> or join Facebook at <http://facebook.com/armyAW2>.

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