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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**FORT POLK, LA.-** Bruce Mitchell, star of the hit series 'Swamp People' broadcast on the History Channel's, will be making a special guest appearance to help bolster the morale of Fort Polk's Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers and their Family members November 8th. Joining him this year will be Rich Clementi, a veteran, Ultimate Fighting Championship and Bellator Mixed Martial Arts, Reality Show, Movie and Video Game star.

Rich Clementi, will give MMA demonstration at the 1<sup>st</sup> MEB gym from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. This event is open to all Soldiers

Alligator hunter, Bruce Mitchell and UFC/Bellator MMA, Rich Clementi and their families will sign autographs and pose for photos during a Warrior Care Month Celebration at the Showboat Theater from 5 to 8 p.m.

This year's Warrior Care Month overall theme – *Success through Transition, Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship* - emphasizes the Army's commitment to support wounded, ill and injured Warriors achieve success in all areas of their lives.

With each goal they achieve, Soldiers gain a step forward in their recovery. While recovering in WTUs, Soldiers actively work to achieve their employment and education goals – many enroll in Army and college courses, earn certifications, and complete professional internships at federal agencies.

The Warrior Transition Command's top priority is the welfare of Soldiers; commitment to the best care and treatment of wounded, ill and injured Warriors and commitment to education, training and careers.

Congress, the Department of Defense and especially the Army leadership are committed to ensuring our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers have the best health care possible and successfully remain on active duty or successfully transition out of military service to the Veteran's Administration. With continued preventive measures and research we can continue to have a significant impact on combat injuries.

Through their individual Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP), Soldiers determine their way ahead and how they will transition – whether it means remaining on active duty status or separating from military service. The CTP includes individual goals in six dimensions of life – physical, career, social, spiritual, emotional and family.

Each WTU Soldiers benefits from a Triad of Care made up of the medical provider, nurse case manager and the squad leader. These professionals work together with an interdisciplinary team to coordinate all aspects of the Soldier's medical and non-medical care.

Fort Polk's WTU Soldiers live in a state-of-the-art new green barracks complex, located across the street from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital and behind the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, designed and equipped with six American Disability Act – complaint, two bedroom, two-bathroom suites with common areas on the first floor. The ADA rooms have fold-down tables, wheelchair showers and are completely handicapped accessible. These barracks have a capability to house 112 WTU Soldiers in 56 suites. Plans include moving the WTU Command and Headquarters into a new building located behind the barracks.

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