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LEADING THE ARMY'S WARRIOR CARE AND
TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR WOUNDED, ILL,
AND INJURED SOLDIERS, VETERANS, AND
THEIR FAMILIES



COMMITMENT

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM). WTC's mission is to develop, coordinate, and integrate the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP) for wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families in order to promote future success in the force or in civilian life.

WTC is the lead proponent for WCTP—an Army-wide structure to provide support and services for wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, known as Warriors in Transition. WCTP enables the Army to evaluate and treat Warriors in Transition through a comprehensive, Soldier-centric process of medical care,

rehabilitation, professional development, and achievement of personal goals.

MAJOR ELEMENTS OF WCTP INCLUDE:

- **Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP)**
- **Healing Campuses / Warrior Transition Units (WTUs)**
- **Triad of Care**
- **Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)**
- **Career and Education**
- **Adaptive Sports**



Blind Soldier CPT Scott M. Smiley (right) took command of the Warrior Transition Unit at West Point.

GOALS

To support each Warrior in Transition's return to the force or transition to Veteran status, the Army created a systematic framework called the Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP). The CTP is a seven-part multidisciplinary process that includes an individual plan that the Warrior in Transition builds for him/herself with the support of the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) Triad of Care. Although standardized, this process allows Warriors in Transition to customize their recovery process, enabling them to set and reach their personal goals. The CTP is a process that includes a personal, customized plan created for the Soldier by the Soldier.

EACH WARRIOR IN TRANSITION WILL BENEFIT FROM A:

- Triad of Care who work together to coordinate all aspects of medical and non-medical care
 - Primary care manager
 - Nurse case manager
 - Squad leader

- Multidisciplinary team of health care and transition specialists who work together to coordinate and optimize the care and transition of each individual Warrior in Transition



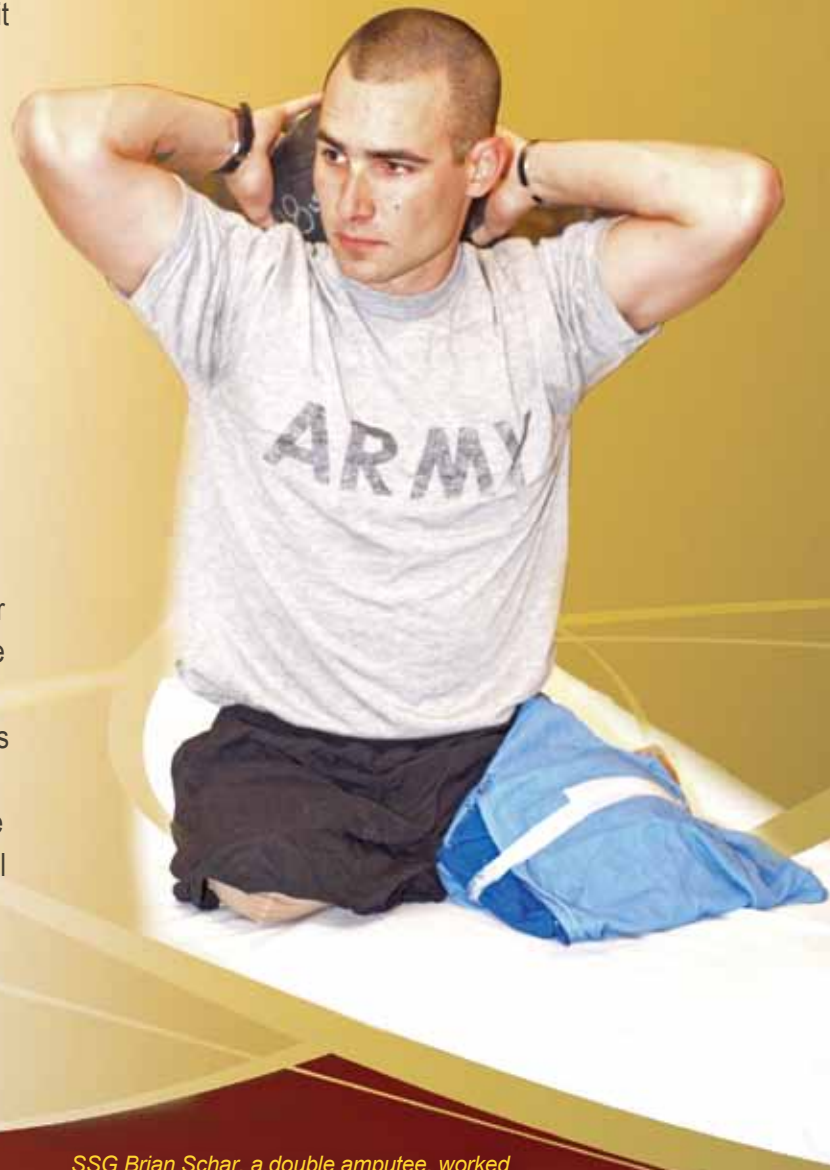
SPC Joshua Kerber, amputee, with his Triad of Care, including squad leader, primary care manager, and nurse case manager.

RECOVERY

Soldiers who may be attached to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) or Community Based Warrior Transition Unit (CBWTU) are:

- Wounded, ill, and injured active duty Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management
- Army Reserve Soldiers who have medical conditions caused or aggravated while on mobilization orders and who meet the criteria of the Medical Retention Processing Program (MRP)

A WTU closely resembles an Army “line” unit, with a professional cadre and integrated Army processes that build on the Army’s strength of unit cohesion and teamwork. This unit allows the wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers to focus on healing. WTUs are located at major military treatment facilities around the world and provide command and control and medical management to assist Warriors in Transition as they navigate the Army’s medical treatment system and transition back to the force or to life as a Veteran. CBWTUs provide the same services for a Warrior in Transition, usually to a National Guard or Army Reserve Soldier, while they live at their home and receive care through the TRICARE network.



SSG Brian Schar, a double amputee, worked out at the Walter Reed Warrior Transition Unit.

INDEPENDENCE

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) is the official U.S. Army program that assists and advocates for severely wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families, wherever they are located, regardless of military status. This program, through the local leadership of AW2 Advocates, strives to foster the Warrior in Transition's independence. Each Soldier/Veteran is assigned a local AW2 Advocate

who provides personalized support by connecting them with services and benefits. AW2 Advocates are located at military treatment facilities, Veterans Affairs (VA) Polytrauma Centers, VA facilities, and most Army installations.



AW2 Veteran Scott Stephenson, amputee and burn survivor, started a nonprofit to bring the Soldiers' stories behind the scars to life.

TRANSITION

Each Warrior in Transition focuses on short and long-term career goals during his/her time in the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU), and these goals are a significant piece of each Warrior in Transition's Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP). The Warrior in Transition has the opportunity to enhance existing skills and develop new ones while assigned to a WTU, whether he/she is:

- Remaining in the Army
 - Returning to current Military Occupational Specialty
 - Returning with an alternate Military Occupational Specialty
- Transitioning from the Army

Regardless of the extent of their injuries or time in service, Soldiers found unfit by a Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) may be eligible to apply for Continuation on Active Duty (COAD)/Continuation on Active Reserve (COAR).

For the Army's most severely wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and Families, personalized career and education counseling is provided.



SGT Chris Burrell, an amputee, continued on active duty as a dog handler with the 108th Military Police Company, 16th Military Police Brigade.

FITNESS

Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) offer several adaptive sports to help Warriors in Transition achieve their fitness goals, often in coordination with the U.S. Paralympic Military Program. The goal of adaptive sports is to inspire a lifetime of fitness, regardless of injury. In 2010, the Department of Defense and U.S. Paralympics launched the Warrior Games for athletes from all military services to compete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO, in events such as:

- Archery
- Basketball
- Cycling
- Shooting
- Swimming
- Track and Field
- Volleyball



Wounded, injured, and ill servicemembers from all branches participated in the Warrior Games.



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