



U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)

What is AW2?

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), a major component of the Army's [Warrior Care and Transition Program \(WCTP\)](#), was established in 2004. AW2 supports severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, Veterans, their Families and Caregivers with the recovery and reintegration process to reach a state of self-sufficiency.

Since 2004, AW2 has impacted more than 24,000 Soldiers and Veterans, alongside their Families and Caregivers, through the personalized support of more than 200 Advocates and a team of transition professionals. AW2 helps them navigate processes and procedures that open doors to services, resources and benefits and facilitates continuity of care as Veterans enter the VA system. These resources build and strengthen abilities to adapt to daily life and empower AW2 Soldiers and Veterans to regain their independence.

How does AW2 help execute the WCTP?

Building on their breadth of experience in supporting the most severely wounded, ill and injured, AW2 transition professionals help write policies and guidance affecting all wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, including those recovering at [Warrior Transition Units \(WTUs\)](#). AW2's expertise has impacted almost

every aspect of the recovering Soldier's experience, including the [Comprehensive Transition Plan \(CTP\)](#), career and education readiness, adaptive reconditioning and community support resources.

What is an AW2 Advocate?

Each AW2 Soldier and Veteran is paired with an [AW2 Advocate](#) who guides the Soldier throughout the recovery and transition process and educates the Soldier on the benefits and resources available. Together they collaborate to set goals for the Soldier's and Family's future to meet the personal needs and abilities of the individual AW2 Soldier or Veteran.

Assistance Provided by AW2

- Action plan for life after transition
- Government agency coordination
- Continuation on Active Duty/Continuation on Active Reserve (COAD/COAR) support
- Career guidance
- Educational opportunities
- Financial audits
- Local resources
- Medical and Physical Evaluation Board (MEB/PEB) guidance

Warrior Care and Transition (WCT) AW2 Contact Center

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Phone: 1-877-393-9058

Who is eligible for AW2?

Soldiers who qualify for AW2 are assigned to the program as soon as possible after arriving at the [Warrior Transition Unit \(WTU\)](#). In order to be considered eligible for entry into AW2, Soldiers must have suffered from wounds, illness, or injuries incurred in the line of duty (LOD) after September 10, 2001 and received, or are expected to receive at least a 30 percent Army disability rating from the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) for one of the following conditions:

- a. Blindness or loss of vision
- b. Loss of limb
- c. Hearing loss/deafness
- d. Burns or permanent disfigurement
- e. Paralysis/spinal cord injury
- f. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- g. Fatal *and* incurable disease with limited life expectancy less than a year

-OR-

- h. Receive a 30 percent IDES (Army) Disability Rating for any other Combat Related Condition or condition caused by an instrumentality of war, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other Behavioral Health (BH) conditions (answering yes on DA Form 199 to V1/V3)

-OR-

- i. Receive a *combined* 50 percent IDES (Army) Disability Rating for any other Combat Related Conditions or conditions caused by instrumentality of war (answering yes on DA Form 199 to V1/V3)

How do AW2 Advocates interact with the WTU?

Eligible Soldiers are assigned to an Advocate as soon as possible upon arriving at a WTU. The Advocate is closely integrated with the Soldier's triad of care and interdisciplinary team on all aspects of the Soldier's Comprehensive Transition Plan ([CTP](#)) and attends all Focus Transition Review (FTR) meetings.

Learn more about AW2's Decade of Impact [AW2 Tenth Anniversary](#)

Where can I find more resources?

[AW2 Eligibility and Enrollment](#)

[AW2 Advocate Support](#)

[AW2 Wounded Warrior Lifecycle](#)

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