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**Army Commemorates Warrior Care Month,
Honors Warrior Transition Command 5th Anniversary**

Alexandria, VA – This November, the Army honors wounded, ill and injured soldiers, veterans, their families and caregivers during Warrior Care Month. This year's theme is "Show of Strength."

"Wounded, ill and injured soldiers demonstrate the true strength of our Army throughout the recovery and transition process," said Col. Chris Toner, Commander of the Warrior Transition Command and Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care. "Their physical and emotional strength as they move forward with the next stage of their lives embodies the resilience of all soldiers. Our Warrior Care and Transition Program gives them the foundation and tools to harness that strength and fortitude into the achievement of their goals."

As part of the joint services commemoration, key Army engagements will include:

- Joint Services Facebook Townhall focused on "Techniques for Remaining Strong" (Wednesday, November 12)
- Joint Services Pentagon Sitting Volleyball Tournament (Thursday, November 20)
- Joint Services Pentagon Adaptive Reconditioning Expo (Thursday, November 20)
- Weekly events at 26 Warrior Transition Units
- For detailed event schedule, visit http://WTC.army.mil/wtc/warrior_care_month_2014.html

The Warrior Transition Command (WTC) fifth anniversary honors the service and sacrifice of all wounded, ill and injured soldiers, veterans, family members and caregivers and the medical and non-medical professionals who support them. WTC is the lead for the Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP), which oversees all aspect of the recovery and transition process, including:

- Warrior Transition Units (WTUs): Soldiers recover at the Army's 25 WTUs, where they develop short- and long-term goals in each of six domains: physical, emotional, spiritual, social, family and career. Today, about 4,900 soldiers are enrolled in these units, surrounded by the support of a multidisciplinary team of medical and non-medical professionals who coordinate on all aspects of the soldier's recovery and transition. Whether returning to the force or transitioning to civilian life, eligible soldiers participate in Career and Employment Readiness programs, such as internships, professional certifications, trainings or formal education. Since WTUs were established in 2007, more than 63,737 soldiers have recovered through this program.
- Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2): The most severely wounded also benefit from AW2, which provides personalized support on non-medical issues through a network of local AW2 Advocates. More than 26,000 soldiers and veterans are currently enrolled in AW2.

For more information on Warrior Care Month, WTUs and the Warrior Care and Transition Program, including more soldier profiles, visit http://WTC.army.mil/wtc/warrior_care_month_2014.html.

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