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## Army Warrior Transition Command Congratulates Army Veterans on U.S. Paralympic Team

**Alexandria, Va.** – As the Army's lead for wounded warrior care, the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command congratulates all members of the 2014 U.S. Paralympic team, and especially the eight Army athletes.

"The Warrior Transition Command encourages every wounded, ill and injured soldier to have a sport to call their own," said Lt. Col. Keith L. Williams, head of the Warrior Transition Command's Adaptive Reconditioning Program. "When soldiers face injury or illness, they can still participate in sports and other physical activities. These activities significantly enhance their physical and emotional recovery, and some compete for a position on the Warrior Games or U.S. Paralympic team. The soldiers and Army veterans on this year's Paralympic team represent the enduring strength and resilience of the Army."

At the Army's 29 Warrior Transition Units and nine Community-Based Warrior Transition Units wounded, ill and injured soldiers participate in adaptive reconditioning activities, including sports tailored to their physical abilities post-injury. Soldiers rediscover how much they can still physically accomplish, while rebuilding the confidence to achieve their recovery and transition goals.

WTC extends a special congratulations to the Army athletes on the 2014 U.S. Paralympic team:

- Staff Sgt. Heath Calhoun (Clarkesville, Tenn.) alpine skiing (Veteran)
- Spc. Joel Hunt (Kokomo, Ind.) alpine skiing (Veteran)
- Sgt. Jen Lee (San Francisco, Calif.) sled hockey (Active Duty)
- Pfc. Patrick McDonald (Madison, Wis.) wheelchair curling (Veteran)
- Staff Sgt. Bryan Price (Belton, Mo.) Nordic skiing (Veteran)
- Staff Sgt. Rico Roman (Portland, Ore.) sled hockey (Veteran)
- Spc. Andy Soule (San Antonio, Texas) Nordic skiing (Veteran)
- Sgt. Jeremy Wagner (Nanakuli, Hawaii) Nordic skiing (Veteran)

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command. WTC provides oversight for the Warrior Care and Transition Program that is implemented at the Army's 29 Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) where more than 7,000 wounded, ill and injured soldiers receive complex medical care for more than six month. At WTUs each soldier develops a personalized comprehensive transition plan with short- and long-term goals in six domains: physical, social, spiritual, emotional, family and career. To learn more, visit www.WTC.army.mil.

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