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Army Recognizes Family Impact on Wounded Soldiers' Recovery Throughout Warrior Care Month

Alexandria, VA – During November, the Army will commemorate Warrior Care Month 2010. During this year's events, the Army will demonstrate its appreciation for the sacrifices made by families and caregivers of more than 16,000 wounded warriors currently served through the Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP). This year's theme is "Army Strong – Family Strong: caring for wounded, ill and injured soldiers by supporting their families and caregivers."

Commemorative events will take place at 29 Warrior Transition Units and nine Community-Based Warrior Transition Units throughout the United States and Europe. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) Advocates will present on how local communities can help the families of local wounded, ill, and injured soldiers and veterans at locations across the country.

"Families and caregivers provide a considerable support system for wounded, ill, and injured soldiers," said Col. Darryl Williams, WTC Commander. "The Army cannot thank them enough for the sacrifices they make to stand beside their soldiers, and WTC is committed to integrating them into every aspect of their soldiers' recovery."

The Army recognizes that families and caregivers assume a new role when their soldiers are injured, and has implemented several measures to incorporate them into the recovery process, including:

- Established Soldier and Family Assistance Centers (SFACs) at Warrior Transition Units, providing families and caregivers a single location to access administrative and transition resources, such as child care, counseling, and benefits.
- Included families and caregivers in each wounded soldier's Comprehensive Transition Plan, a six-part process that includes a personalized plan for each wounded soldier to guide his/her return to the force or transition to civilian life. Families and caregivers have a structured role in this process that involves attending regular progress meetings and medical appointments.
- Expanded many services traditionally focused on soldiers to include their families and caregivers as well, such as medical record access, counseling, and transition planning.

The Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a major 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 or caregivers. For more information on WTC, visit the WTC website, www.WTC.army.mil.

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