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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Warrior Care Month Recognition

Join me in recognizing Warrior Care Month, an important Department-wide effort to increase awareness of programs and resources available to wounded, ill, and injured Service members, as well as their families, caregivers, and others who support them. Established in 2008, the annual Warrior Care Month recognition occurs each November. The theme of this year's observance is "Virtual Show of Strength."

The DoD, along with its Federal partners, works diligently to ensure our wounded, ill, and injured Service members receive proper care and support. Our Service members exhibit tremendous strength through recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration back to duty or transition into the community. This strength is represented in the physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, familial, and career-readiness activities that Service members and their families and caregivers engage in to overcome challenges. It is also evident in the commitment the DoD reaffirms daily, to provide our Service members, their families, and caregivers with the care and support they deserve.

Many professionals working in the DoD make it their year-round mission to ensure exceptional care is provided to wounded, ill, and injured Service members. November provides a unique opportunity to recognize those working in warrior care. This November in particular, I ask you to become more informed about, and share, warrior care resources; explore new ways to exhibit your own strength by helping our wounded, ill, and injured Service members, families, and caregivers realize their own potential; and do your part to inspire year-round discourse regarding warrior care priorities. For more Warrior Care Month information please visit: www.warriorcare.mil.

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