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

SUBJECT: Warrior Care Month Recognition 2024

Please 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 and their families and caregivers. Established in 2008, the annual Warrior Care Month recognition occurs each November with "Show of Strength" as the theme.

The Department, in collaboration with Federal, private, and nonprofit organizations, works diligently to ensure that our wounded, ill, and injured Service members receive proper care and support. Our Service members exhibit tremendous strength through recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration to their units or transition to civilian communities. 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 that the Department reaffirms daily: to provide our wounded, ill, and injured Service members and their families and caregivers with the care and support they deserve.

Many professionals within the Department work year-round to ensure that exceptional care is provided to these Service members. However, this November, in support of Warrior Care Month, I ask you to become more informed about available resources; explore new ways to help our wounded, ill, and injured Service members realize their potential; and foster even greater discourse about these efforts. For more information on Warrior Care Month, please visit www.warriorcare.mil.

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