



## U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program Alumni Status (AWAP)

### AW2 Background

In 2004, the Army took an historic step with the creation of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), as part of the Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP). AW2 provides support to the Army's most severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers throughout their recovery, whether they are transitioning back to duty or into civilian life. Since its inception, AW2 has supported more than 24,000 Soldiers, AW2 Veterans and their Families and Caregivers.

### What is AWAP?

AW2 constantly evaluates ways to improve its approach to support recovery and care for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and AW2 Veterans. As a result, the Army implemented the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program Alumni Status (AWAP). Currently, each severely wounded, ill and injured AW2 Soldier and Veteran is case managed and proactively contacted by their Advocate on a recurring 30, 90 or 180 day basis, depending on their transition status. With the introduction of the Alumni status, AW2 Veterans who have been linked with Federal, State and local support agencies, have reached a level of self-sufficiency and meet established criteria will transition into the AWAP where they will no longer be case managed. However, should a need arise, AW2 Alumni will always be able to contact AW2 for support.

This means AW2 will be able to focus services on those Soldiers and AW2 Veterans who require direct advocacy on a regular basis without breaking faith with those who have achieved self-sufficiency and moved into Alumni status.

### How Do AW2 Veterans Qualify for AWAP?

To be eligible for AWAP, a Veteran must meet the following conditions:

1. Have enrolled in the AW2 program within 180 days post transition to Veteran status.
2. Must be on the Permanent Disability Retirement List (PDRL).
3. Been dual case managed by AW2 and VA point of contact for a period of 90 days.
4. Have all core issues addressed in the areas of Family support, benefits, medical, employment or finance.
5. Have been educated on the Soldier For Life program (SFL-TAP).

### How are AW2 Veterans informed about entry into AWAP?

AW2 Veterans who meet the AWAP criteria will be contacted by their Advocate, complete a review of their transition status and, if eligible, submit a request for approval to their Supervisor.

**May AW2 Veterans request to be an AW2 Alumnus?** Yes, AW2 Veterans may request to be moved into AW2 Alumni status by contacting their assigned Advocate or the AW2 Contact Center (877) 393-9058. Following their request, the case will be reviewed, and they will be contacted with the findings.

### If I am in AWAP, can I call AW2 for support?

Yes. Because our Nation is forever grateful for the service and sacrifice of our AW2 Veterans, AW2 Alumnus will always be able to reach out to the AW2 program for needed support and assistance by calling the AW2 Contact Center at (877) 393-9058.