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SUBJECT: Warrior Care Month Recognition

Join me in recognizing Warrior Care Month, an important Department of Defense-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 "Show of Strength."

The Department of Defense, in collaboration with federal, private, and nonprofit 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, 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 Department of Defense and its partners reaffirm daily, to provide our Service members, their families, and caregivers with the care and support they deserve.

Many professionals working in the Department of Defense make it their year-round mission to ensure exceptional care is provided to wounded, ill and injured Service members. During this November, I ask you to become more informed about warrior care resources; explore new ways to help our wounded, ill, and injured Service members, families, and caregivers realize their own potential; and continue a year-round discourse regarding warrior care priorities. For more Warrior Care Month information, visit <http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/>.

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