



## U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)

**The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)** is the official Army program that serves severely wounded, injured, and ill Soldiers and their Families, wherever they are located, for as long as it takes. AW2 supports the most severely wounded Soldiers from the Global War on Terrorism who have, or are expected to receive, an Army disability rating of 30% or greater in one or more specific categories or a combined rating of 50% or greater for conditions that are the result of combat or are combat related.

AW2 is one element of the Army's focus on caring for wounded Soldiers and their Families. AW2 Soldiers and Families are assigned an AW2 Advocate and to a Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) to focus on healing. The AW2 Advocate supports the WTU "triad of care" team consisting of a primary care physician, nurse case manager, and a military squad leader.

AW2 assists and advocates for more than 3,300 severely wounded Soldiers and their Families. More than 120 AW2 Advocates are located throughout the country where there are large concentrations of AW2 Soldiers at VA Polytrauma Centers, VA facilities, Military Treatment Facilities, and most military installations.

### AW2 Soldier Injury Categories Include:

- Blindness/vision loss
- Deafness/hearing loss
- Fatal/incurable disease
- Loss of limb
- Paralysis/spinal cord injury
- Permanent disfigurement
- Post traumatic stress disorder
- Severe burns
- Traumatic brain injury

### AW2 Advocates Provide:

- Personalized, local support for as long as it takes, regardless of location or military status
- Assistance with day-to-day issues in recovery, as well as longer-term decisions, such as choosing to remain in the Army or to medically retire
- Support throughout the entire six-phase Wounded Warrior Lifecycle

### Throughout the Wounded Warrior Lifecycle, AW2 Advocates assist wounded Soldiers and their Families with:

- Benefit information
- Career guidance
- COAD/COAR support
- Education opportunities
- Financial audits
- Government agency coordination
- Lifetime assistance
- Local resources
- MEB/PEB guidance



## U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2)—Overview



*"Everyone in the Army Wounded Warrior Program understands what a huge price our Soldiers and Families have paid in support of their nation and now we are here to support them for as long as it takes."*

—Colonel Jim Rice, AW2 Director

### Supporting AW2 Soldiers & Families



*LTC Gregory Gadson, AW2 Soldier featured here with his Family, is a double amputee who plans to continue on active duty after completing his treatment.*

There are many ways to support AW2 Soldiers and their Families who have given so much during their service to the country.

- Collaborate with AW2 to support AW2 Soldiers and Families by contacting [AW2stratcomm@conus.army.mil](mailto:AW2stratcomm@conus.army.mil)
- Contact a nonprofit organization serving wounded warriors and their Families. To find a group in your area visit [www.americasupportsyou.mil](http://www.americasupportsyou.mil)
- Hire skilled AW2 Soldiers and/or their Family members by contacting [AW2careerprogram@conus.army.mil](mailto:AW2careerprogram@conus.army.mil)
- Contact your local Family Readiness Group (FRG) at [www.armyfrg.army.mil](http://www.armyfrg.army.mil) to see how you can help
- Email AW2 at [AW2stratcomm@conus.army.mil](mailto:AW2stratcomm@conus.army.mil) about events and opportunities that are available for Soldiers and their Families

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