

# 2012 Warrior-Family Symposium

Saluting Their Sacrifice: A Decade of Challenges and Triumphs  
for Our Wounded Heroes and Their Families



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# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

- 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM **REGISTRATION OPEN**
- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:30 AM - 8:50 AM **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS  
PRESENTATION OF COLORS  
INVOCATION**
  - ▶ CDR Steven Smith, CHC, USN, *Headquarters, FORCECOM & Deputy Chaplain U.S. Coast Guard*
- 8:50 AM - 9:20 AM **KICK-OFF SPEAKER**
  - ▶ Chairman Jeff Miller (R-FL), *House Committee on Veterans Affairs*
- 9:20 AM - 10:15 AM **PANEL: "THE EARLY YEARS — HOW WOUNDED WARRIORS-FAMILIES ARE DOING TODAY"**

Wounded heroes, their families and caregivers recount their diverse experiences, challenges and triumphs during their road from injury to recovery to transition, and share their insights and a glimpse at how they are doing today.

**Moderator:**

  - ▶ Ms. Alex Quade, *Award Winning Freelance War Reporter*

**Panelists:**

  - ▶ Mrs. Shannon Maxwell, *Spouse Caregiver; Co-founder, SemperMax Support Fund & Hope for the Warriors; Author, Our Daddy Is Invincible! & Big Boss Brain (Video Update)*
  - ▶ LtCol Tim Maxwell, USMC (Ret), *SemperMax Support Fund (Video Update)*
  - ▶ HM2 Derek McGinnis, USN (Ret), *Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Stockton, CA, Department of Veterans Affairs*
  - ▶ CPT Alvin Shell, Jr., USA (Ret), *Force Protection Branch Chief, Department of Homeland Security*
  - ▶ Mrs. Chilketha Danielle Shell, *Spouse Caregiver*
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM **BREAK**
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM **FIRESIDE CHAT: "TRANSITIONS & NEW BEGINNINGS — LINKING ALLIANCES TO EVOLVING NEEDS"**

Active duty, separated and medically retired active duty service members, veterans, and their families talk about their transition experiences in recent years, their expectations, and how they survived-thrived during the process. Public-private organizations will join the discussions, exploring opportunities and collaborative ways to enhance and refine programs and services to meet a lifetime of changing needs.

**Co-Moderators:**

  - ▶ Mr. Derek Donovan, *Vice President, Fisher House Foundation*
  - ▶ MSgt William 'Spanky' Gibson, USMC (Ret)

**Panelists:**

  - ▶ Mr. John Campbell, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Warrior Care Policy, Department of Defense*
  - ▶ Dr. Tara Dixon, USAR, *Trauma and Critical Care Surgeon*
  - ▶ CE3 Benjamin Host, USN (Ret), *Student Veteran*
  - ▶ COL Karen T. Malebranche, USA (Ret), RN, MSM, CNS, *Executive Director, Office of VHA Interagency Health Affairs*
  - ▶ Mrs. Annette Slaydon, *Spouse Caregiver*
  - ▶ TSgt Matthew Slaydon, USAF (Ret)
- 12:00 PM - 1:10 PM **LUNCHEON WITH SPEAKER**
  - ▶ Honorable Eric Shinseki, *Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs*
- 1:10 PM - 1:30 PM **BREAK**
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **WOUNDED HEROES RECOGNITION RECEPTION PROGRAM**

**Keynote Speaker:**

  - ▶ TBD
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM **RECEPTION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

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### **THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM FEATURES:**

- ▶ First-hand accounts from our Nation's wounded warriors, and their family members/caregivers, about their experiences, challenges and triumphs
- ▶ Important and relevant transition topics such as medical-disability benefits, care coordination, family-caregiver support, and employment-transition services

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