

## Warrior-Family Roundtable (WFR) Information Paper

**Topic:** “*The Changing Faces of the Post-9/11 Wounded, Ill & Injured and Care Coordination*”  
**When:** Friday, September 23, 2016  
8:45 a.m. (light breakfast)  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion  
**Where:** The Chicago School of Professional Psychology  
1015 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005

**Background:** The WFR expands on previous MOAA forums and efforts to improve the physical, psychological, and overall well-being of our warriors and their families. A *not-for-attribution, invitation only* venue, the Roundtable is a networking and discussion forum aimed at enhancing communication in the public and private-sector, offering key leaders or influencers an opportunity to generate new insights and leverage strengths and resources at addressing contemporary, cross-cutting and emergent issues.

**Meeting Purpose:** The forum continues the dialog from the April 29, 2016 Roundtable on the Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Care Coordination efforts, focusing more specifically on the Post-9/11 wounded, ill, and injured (WII) population in DoD-VA—the demographics of this changing population and their changing needs. Today’s discussion sets the stage for the last Roundtable scheduled for December 8, 2016, where attendees will conclude this year’s Roundtable series by producing a “Top 10 List(s)” of unmet/emerging needs and recommendations for the new Administration, Congress and NGOs to consider over the next 2-5 years.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have brought to the forefront new advances in battlefield medicine and new challenges in how we care and support those with combat and service-connected wounds, illnesses, injuries, and disabilities in unprecedented ways. The 15 years of war and conflict have resulted in a significant number of seriously WII. According to the [Center for a New American Security Report, \*Passing the Baton: A Bipartisan 2016 Agenda for the Veteran and Military Community, November 2015 Report\*](#), more than 2.7 million servicemembers have deployed since 9/11—as of July 2015:

- 52,351 individuals wounded in action
  - 1,645 battle-injury major limb amputations
  - 327,299+ traumatic brain injuries (8,287 in the penetrating or severe category)—many more unknown
- Hundreds of thousands of individuals with service-connected conditions—prevalent conditions:
  - #1 – musculoskeletal
  - #2 – mental health
  - #3 – unspecified illnesses
- Presentation of long-term illnesses (deployment exposures, including gastrointestinal disorders, skin diseases, and respiratory) and latent issues (environmental exposures and catastrophic/late stage diseases and cancers)

## Roundtable Discussion Topics/Format

**Topics** — Attendees will explore issues/information such as:

- **Current Demographics of the Respective DoD/Services WII Programs**
  - Numbers of cases
  - Breakout of condition categories (TBI, mental health, amputations, cancers...)
- **How This Population Has Changed Over Time—Demographic Changes/Changes in Need**
- **Examples/Good News Stories Of How DoD/VA Care Coordination/WII Programs Are Meeting Current Population Needs**
- **What Are the Unmet/Emerging Needs In Care Coordination Today and Projected Over the Next 2-5 Years Which Need To Be Addressed By Both Government/NGOs?**
  - Short-term/crisis support needs (legal, financial, housing)
  - Long-term care needs/consideration of latent conditions or issues

**Format:**

### Continental Breakfast

### Welcome/Introductions

**DoD-VA Care Coordination Panel**—will present and engage in an interactive discussion on the above list of suggested topics:

- DoD/Service/VA WII Program Representatives
- CNAS
- RAND

### Panel Question/Answer Period

### Brainstorming Session Topic:

*What should the New Administration/Congress (Government) and NGOs focus on over the next 2-4 years to address the short and long-term unmet/emerging care coordination needs of our changing WII population?*

- Government/NGO Breakout Workgroups—Identify Lists of Short-term and Long-term Needs/Issues
- Workgroup Presentation of Needs/Issues
- Next Steps for December Roundtable Meeting—“Top 10 Needs for WII/Families” Lists/Information Paper

- **Meeting Wrap-up Remarks**

Information discussed during the Roundtable will be summarized and available for distribution to better serve military, veterans, and their families and caregivers.