

Warrior-Family Roundtable Fact Sheet (Updated Jan 6, 2016)

<u>Why the Roundtable</u>: Over a decade of being at war resulting in unprecedented operational tempo and deployment schedules, coupled with the potential loss of a military career due to force end-strength reductions, has taken a significant toll on our military, veterans and their families. They continue to experience unrelenting levels of stress, bearing the visible and invisible burdens and fallout of battle as they readjust to life back home and reintegrate into society.

The Departments of Defense (DoD), Veterans Affairs (VA) and our Nation face the daunting challenge of meeting a significant range of health care and rehabilitation needs for those injured or those with catastrophic wounds, as well as helping troops and their families transition after deployment and military life. MOAA and Zeiders Enterprises are particularly concerned about the exponentially growing need for diagnosis, treatment, therapy, and support services to address psychological injuries generated by war, and the assistance needed to help warriors, families, caregivers and children make a successful transition to civilian life

<u>Purpose:</u> Expand on previous MOAA forums and efforts over the last dozen years to improve the physical, psychological and overall well-being of our warriors and their families. Specifically, the Roundtable is an extension of MOAA's annual Wounded-Warrior and Family Symposium (WFS), which brings together key leaders in Congress, DoD, VA, and other governmental, and non-governmental organizations and individuals to exchange ideas, collaborate and problem-solve. The Roundtable extends the dialog and outreach from the WFS by providing a venue for more targeted and detailed discussions on topics and issues surfacing from the symposium.

The goal of the Roundtable meetings are to enhance communication in the public and private-sector, offering key leaders or influencers a forum to generate new insights and help leverage strengths on contemporary, cross-cutting and emergent issues.

The Roundtable's Outcomes: Allows attendees to:

- Gain a better understanding of the issues, resources, policies, programs and services available, and ongoing initiatives;
- Actively participate in a venue that values collaboration and cooperation through the exchange of ideas and solutions;
- Expand their knowledge-base, networks, partnerships, and resources using information, ideas or recommendations from the Roundtable discussions in any way that will benefit and improve the quality of life for our military, veterans and their families.

<u>Who Will Attend:</u> The Roundtable will bring together key leaders or influencers from government, industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, and communities. The Roundtable is an invitation-only event, with attendance expected to be between 30-45 participants at the on-site meeting location.



The Roundtable will provide an unbiased atmosphere in which candid, non-attributable dialogue and problem-solving can occupy most of the agenda.

When and Where Will the Roundtables be Held: Roundtables will be conducted three times a year in the Washington, D.C. metro area. The meetings may also be conducted using teleconference and webinar capabilities to enable participants with remote access.

<u>How are Agenda Topics Selected</u>: Agenda topics are selected by MOAA in consultation with Zeiders. Meeting participants may submit their suggestions for future Roundtable agenda items to MOAA and Zeiders points of contact listed below.

<u>For More Information on the Roundtable:</u> MOAA-Zeiders have established the http://www.moaa.org/warriorfamilyroundtable as the communication hub for the Roundtable. Agendas and meeting materials will be posted along with a non-attributive meeting summary after each meeting.

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