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SUBJECT: Warrior Care Month

Since my appointment as Secretary of Defense, care for our Wounded Warriors has been one of my highest priorities. Indeed, it is a solemn obligation our nation owes to the men and women who have sacrificed so much.

I am proud to announce that November 2008 will be Warrior Care Month – a time during which OSD Public Affairs, in conjunction with the appropriate DoD Components, will make a concerted effort to inform the military and their families about the programs and initiatives currently being provided through our Warrior Care system, and improvements to occur in the near future. Throughout the month, we will also provide to our military and their families more educational tools to better understand and take advantage of the resources available to wounded, ill, and injured service members.

It is my hope that this month will accomplish two goals. First, concentrating all levels of the Department of Defense on an area where we have let our troops down in the past, and where shortfalls still remain. Second, to provide a clear message to our service members and the public that there is no higher priority for this Department than caring for those who have made personal sacrifices in the defense of our nation.



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