

About Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) — Safe Harbor

Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor is the Navy's sole organization for coordinating the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and providing resources and support to their families. Through proactive leadership, the program provides individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of the wounded warriors' recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration activities.

Local Warrior Care Month Events

Please join us!

Nov. 6: Regional Wounded Warrior Family Symposium
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (USO); 9 a.m.
Hear from local wounded warriors and their families about the challenges they have faced during recovery.

Nov. 12: Warrior Care Policy Facebook Town Hall
Check www.facebook.com/navysafeharbor for more details.

Nov. 20: Wounded Warrior Rehabilitation Expo
Pentagon (Apex 1-2/2nd Floor); 10 a.m.
View artwork, listen to music, and experience other forms of therapy for wounded warriors.

Nov. 20: Wounded Warrior Sitting Volleyball Tournament
Pentagon Athletic Center; 12 p.m.
Watch members of the gold medal-winning Navy team go head-to-head against other services.



**Warrior Care
Month 2014**
Special Observance Event
November 3



Keynote Speaker

Averill Malone
Chief Logistics Specialist



Chief Malone developed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from a combat deployment in 2007 and 2008.

Malone joined the Navy in 1993 – after he graduated from high school – in large part because of the education benefits it offered. His favorite memory from his career was when he got his first glimpse of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), his first duty station. “I had never seen anything so huge,” he said. In 2007 and 2008 – when he was deployed to

Iraq to conduct dining facilities inspections throughout the provinces – he was exposed to rocket attacks and death. When he returned home, he suffered from PTSD in silence. He was twice admitted for inpatient treatment, but his symptoms continue to plague him. His involvement in adaptive athletics has dramatically improved his disposition, and he was proud to win a medal at the recent Warrior Games. He also has found art therapy and his service dog to be very beneficial. He is the proud father of Dominique, Aprielle, Joshua, Alonzo, and Iyanna, and he recently became a grandfather to Kyla. He calls his grandmother, Grace Richardson, his personal hero.

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Warrior Care Month was established in 2008, when former Secretary of Defense Robert F. Gates declared it would be a “Department of Defense effort aimed at increasing awareness of programs and resources available to wounded, ill and injured service members, their families, and those who care for them.” It is an opportunity for all branches of the military to come together to honor the service and sacrifice of wounded warriors. This year’s theme, “A Show of Strength,”

recognizes the fortitude and resiliency that wounded warriors exhibit during their journey towards recovery. Events commemorating Warrior Care Month will take place throughout the country, including several in the National Capital Region. Please visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil> to learn more.

Schedule of Events

Welcome

Capt. Brent Breining
Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor Director
Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem

Ms. Naomi Howell

Invocation

Cmdr. Philip King
Chaplain

Introductory Remarks

Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith
Commander, Navy Installations Command

Welcome Remarks

Mr. James D. Rodriguez
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Testimonial

Chief Logistics Specialist Averill Malone

All-Navy Message Recitation

Capt. Brent Breining

Cake Cutting and Poster Signing

Mr. James D. Rodriguez
Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith
Mr. Joseph D. Ludovici
Capt. Brent Breining
Chief Logistics Specialist Averill Malone

Benediction

Cmdr. Philip King