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Recovering Warrior Task Force Welcome New Member and Elects New Co-Chair

Washington, D.C. – The Recovering Warrior Task Force is pleased to announce the appointment of its newest member, Command Sergeant Major Steven D. DeJong of the Indiana National Guard. CSM DeJong has served for over 17 years and has had tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He is a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. CSM DeJong will fill the National Guard seat previously occupied by Master Sergeant Brett Hightower, who retired earlier this year.

Additionally, the Task Force would like to acknowledge the service of Dr. Karen Guice, who has stepped down as the Veterans Affairs representative, having taken a new position within the Department of Defense (DoD). As Dr. Guice was the Non-DoD Co-Chair of the Task Force, the Non-DoD members elected Mrs. Suzanne Crockett-Jones to take over in this role. Mrs. Crockett-Jones will co-chair the Task Force alongside the DoD Co-Chair, Lt Gen Charles Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force.

We congratulate Dr. Guice on her new position and Mrs. Crockett-Jones on her election as Co-Chair.

The Recovering Warrior Task Force is committed to providing the best possible report and recommendations on the care and support provided to recovering warriors and their families. The Members seek to find places where programs can be made more effective, ways in which these service members and their families can be better served, and also determine what programs and services already provide well for its patients and learn from these examples.

For more information regarding the Recovering Warrior Task Force, please visit our website at <http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/>.