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Recovering Warrior Task Force Welcome New Members

Washington, D.C. – The Recovering Warrior Task Force is pleased to announce the appointment of its newest members, Ms. Karen Malebranche, RN, MSN, CNS (VA) and CAPT Constance J. Evans (USN).

Ms. Malebranche is a retired Army Colonel and currently serves as the Acting Chief Officer for Intergovernmental Affairs in the Veterans Health Administration at the VA. She is responsible for VHA/DoD collaboration, sharing agreements, outreach and numerous coordination activities with other national and international agencies on Veteran issues, and policy guidance. Previously, she was the Executive Director for the Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom Office. Ms. Malebranche will fill the Veterans Affairs seat once held by Dr. Karen Guice, who transitioned to a new position with the DoD last year.

CAPT Evans is the Director of the Warrior Family Coordination Cell at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Prior to her current assignment, she served as Director, Hospital Corpsman Knowledge Management, Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL. CAPT Evans will fill the Navy seat on the Task Force, once occupied by CDR Timothy Coakley who retired last year.

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/>.