“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

–General George Washington

November 10th, 1781
Soldier for Life enables Army, governmental, and community efforts to facilitate successful reintegration of our Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families in order to keep them Army Strong and instill their values, ethos, and leadership within communities.
Soldier for Life Concept

- Army
- Government
- Community
- Information

End State

Employment

Education

Healthcare

Serve Strong

Start Strong

Reintegrate Strong

Remain Strong
Soldier for Life Objectives

- **Mindset** – Inculcate SFL mindset across our Army Family.
- **Access** – Improve Soldier, Veteran and Family access to employment, education, and healthcare.
- **Relationships** – Encourage community relationships that embrace, support, and enable, Soldiers, Veterans, and Families.
- **Trust** – Enable Army, government, and community efforts to sustain the All-volunteer Army.

- **Sustain the All Volunteer Army**
Soldier Life Cycle

1. Start Strong
   - Top 23%
   - HS Diploma/College
   - PaYS

2. Serve Strong
   - Army Values and Warrior Ethos
   - Technical and Leadership experience
   - PME supports continued development
   - ACT / COOL / JST / Credentialing initiatives

3. Re-integrate Strong
   - ACAP Improved
   - National Guard / Reserve
   - Army Network / Mentors
   - Community Action Teams
   - Challenges

4. Remain Strong
   - Community Reception
   - National Guard / Reserve
   - VSO / MSO
   - AUSA and Retiree chapters
   - Mentors
   - Community Leader
SFL Regions / Functions

Northeast Region
LTC Bliss: (703)-545-6856
MSG Martinez: (703)-545-6859

West Region
MSG Mulligan: (703)-545-2648

Central Region
LTC Lanceta: (703)-545-8666
MSG Morris: (703)-545-8689

Southeast Region
LTC George: (703)-545-6858
MSG Lopez: (703)-545-9344

Director - COL Rocke
Deputy Director - COL Hicks
Sergeant Major - SGM Chapman

Functions
Employment
Education
Health Care
OTSG LNO
National Programs
STRATCOM
Admin
Resources

- Soldier for Life - www.army.mil/soldierforlife/
- Army National Guard and Army Reserves
- Hero to Hired - www.h2h.jobs
- Department of Veterans Affairs - www.va.gov
- Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) - https://www.cool.army.mil/
- Joint Service Transcript (JST) - https://jst.doded.mil
- Job coalitions
- Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs)
Health Reintegration Assessment Process

Understanding of Reintegration Process, Requirements and Gaps

1. Define Capabilities
   - Gain Situational Awareness
   - Map Requirements and Gaps

2. Establish/Prioritize Objectives

3. Quantify & Measure Effects
   - Leverage and Synthesize

Deficits and shortfalls in existing programs

Pre-transition programs, initiatives and policies

Post-transition programs, initiatives and policies
Initial Observations

- Limited studies on Veteran health requirements
- Persistent gaps in the health-related “hand off” between DoD and the VA (and other major stakeholders)
- Communities are ready and willing to assist
- Efforts require synchronization and collaboration
- Alignment may reduce confusion/redundancy among the reintegration stakeholders
Nested Efforts

• OTSG Initiatives
  – Behavioral Health
  – Performance Triad (Sleep/Activity/Nutrition)
  – Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
  – Military Health Systems (MHS) Governance
  – Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)
  – Synchronize pain management and TBI, PTSD care for holistic Soldier treatment (NICoE)

• Soldier for Life Reintegration Focus
  – Enhance the influence of the Performance Triad
  – Improve Readiness and Resilience among Soldiers / Veterans
  – Improve opportunities for successful transition and reintegration
  – Galvanize support among Veteran-friendly organizations
  – Improve Soldier and Family access to programs and services
  – Synchronize efforts
Feedback and Catalyst

- Reintegration is the goal but not a given; a successful “out” is reintegration.

- Merriam-Webster: v. **Definition of REINTEGRATE**: to integrate again into an entity: restore to unity
Non-Profit Goals

• Augment
• Complement
• Understand what already exists
• Understand what needs to be done (gap analysis)
• Understand the least redundant way to do it
Non-Profit Roles

• Decrease the gap between DoD and major stakeholders
• Satisfy the uniqueness of the individual and the community
• Help create “no wrong door” referral network (local, regional, national)
• Be a portal through which patriotism, service advocacy and support, relationships and trust can grow
• Extend the influence of effective programs familiar to the SM/V/F
• Improve access to resources without creating more redundancy
Questions?