



REPLY TO
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Army Reserve Communications

Mr. Robert N. Brenner, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Brenner:

I appreciate and share your concern for our Veterans. I believe that providing high quality healthcare for Soldiers, retirees and their families is vital for sustaining our combat readiness and national security.

The operational tempo of the Government War on Terrorism (GWOT) is increasing the medical and mental health needs of our Soldiers and their family members. Taking care of our wounded and disabled Soldiers and their families is essential, and the transition from military healthcare services to Veterans Affairs healthcare must be seamless.

To aid in this transition, the Army has developed the Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), which incorporates and integrates several existing programs to provide "Gold Star" support services to wounded and ill Soldiers and their families. This support begins upon initial casualty notification and progresses through Soldiers' return to duty or the civilian community. AW2 also facilitates Soldiers' and their families' contact and coordination with other supporting agencies (VA, Labor, Veteran Service Organizations, etc.). In addition, AW2 tracks and monitors our wounded warriors for a period of time beyond their medical retirement or return to duty to provide appropriate assistance.

I deeply appreciate your concern for our troops' healthcare. It is a challenge to meet the healthcare needs of our Soldiers and their families, and we will continue to work for improved healthcare benefits.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Stultz
Lieutenant General, US Army
Chief, Army Reserve