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## **America's Warrior Partnership Honors Former U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole With Fourth Annual Leo Thorsness Leadership Award**

*-- Award recognizes Senator Dole's dedication to military veterans, families and caregivers --*

WASHINGTON – July 31, 2018 – America's Warrior Partnership has named former U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole as the recipient of the fourth annual Leo K. Thorsness Leadership Award. The award recognizes outstanding service to veteran communities and is named after Col. Leo K. Thorsness, a Medal of Honor recipient and one of the most highly decorated American airmen of the Vietnam War.

"As a member of our Board of Directors, Leo was dedicated to our mission of empowering communities to not only empower veterans, but also their families and caregivers," said Jim Lorraine, president and CEO of America's Warrior Partnership. "Senator Dole also embodies the spirit of this mission through her leadership of the [Elizabeth Dole Foundation](#). We are honored for the opportunity to recognize her continued advocacy for the spouses, parents, children, family members and friends who care for our nation's veterans and currently serving military members."

Previous recipients of the award include former U.S. President George W. Bush, Home Depot co-founder and philanthropist Bernie Marcus and Fox News anchor Jon Scott. Senator Dole will receive this year's award at the Fifth Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium, which occurs from September 5 – 7, 2018, at the Omni Atlanta Hotel.

"America's Warrior Partnership is doing vital work to activate communities across the nation to help our military service members, veterans and their families. I am grateful that they have recognized the importance of sharing that support with the [hidden heroes](#) caring for those who have served," said Senator Dole. "It is such a special honor to receive an award named for Col. Thorsness, who demonstrated such gallantry and courage on behalf of his fellow service members. He is a true model of selflessness and service."

More information about the Leo K. Thorsness Leadership Award and the Warrior Community Integration Symposium is available at [AmericasWarriorPartnership.org/2018-symposium/](http://AmericasWarriorPartnership.org/2018-symposium/).

**About America's Warrior Partnership**

America's Warrior Partnership is committed to empowering communities to empower veterans. We fill the gaps that exist between current veteran service organizations by helping nonprofits connect with the veterans, military members and families in need: bolstering their efficacy, improving their results and empowering their initiatives. America's Warrior Partnership is a force multiplier for warrior community integration that enhances communities where great Americans choose to live and contribute. For more information on the organization and how to get involved, visit [www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org](http://www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org).

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