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America's Warrior Partnership and United Way Worldwide Collaborate to Improve Military Veteran Support Services

-- Partnership to include data sharing to support Operation Deep Dive research study on suicide prevention --

WASHINGTON – Dec. 10, 2018 – America's Warrior Partnership and United Way Worldwide announced today they are partnering to improve support services for military veterans, their families and caregivers. The collaboration between the two national nonprofits will also include joint efforts to educate the general public about military and veteran culture.

"United Way has a strong presence in communities nationwide through its local United Ways and the 2-1-1 service, which greatly complements the work of our local affiliates who provide proactive, holistic support to veterans," said Jim Lorraine, President and CEO of America's Warrior Partnership. "We look forward to working with United Way on a number of initiatives to enhance the resources available to veterans."

A key component of the partnership will be a data-sharing initiative to support Operation Deep Dive, a four-year study currently being conducted by America's Warrior Partnership and University of Alabama researchers with support from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. The project is examining the factors and potential causes involved in suicide and early mortality due to self-harm among veterans. Information generated by United Ways and its 2-1-1s in several communities will help researchers assess the impact that community environments have on veterans who are at risk of dying by suicide.

"The 2-1-1 network receives over 14 million requests for assistance each year, and we know many of those calls are from veterans or their loved ones looking for resources and support," said Rachel Krausman, Senior Director for 2-1-1 at United Way. "Collaborating with dedicated organizations like America's Warrior Partnership is a critical component of United Way's mission to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community."

2-1-1 is a free, confidential service that connects individuals to resources and services in their local communities by phone, text and on the web. Individuals in need or who are looking for information for someone else can call 2-1-1 from a cell phone or landline. United Way supports and provides 2-1-1 services in most communities across the U.S.

For more information about 2-1-1, visit 211.org.

For more information about America's Warrior Partnership, visit www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org.

About United Way

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Supported by 2.9 million volunteers, 9 million donors worldwide, and more than \$4.7 billion raised every year, United Way is the world's largest privately-funded nonprofit. We're engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide to create sustainable solutions to the challenges facing our communities. United Way partners include global, national and local businesses, nonprofits, government, civic and faith-based organizations, along with educators, labor leaders, health providers, senior citizens, students and more. For more information about United Way, please visit UnitedWay.org. Follow us on Twitter: [@UnitedWay](https://twitter.com/UnitedWay) and #LiveUnited.

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.

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