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Healing warriors appreciate new Warriors in Transition program

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – When it comes to learning about programs developed specifically for them, wounded Soldiers assigned here are being updated by community leadership.

Col. Brian Boyle, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr, recently hosted the first Warriors in Transition monthly town hall at the Vilseck Chapel.

Currently, 19 Soldiers are enrolled in the WT program here, with three more expected to join soon. Their presence was evidenced as they occupied the first two pews – and hooah-ed Boyle's overarching message of "let there be no doubt that in this community, it (the WT program) will work."

A Warriors in Transition Unit activated in Vilseck as part of the new Army Medical Action Plan, allowing Soldiers to receive extended medical care to heal in Europe, instead of being returned stateside.

While current facilities supporting the WT program are located relatively close to Vilseck's Rose Barracks, there are plans to tighten up their proximity pending construction of a new \$16.5 million complex starting in 2009.

No less than 25 Soldier and Family Assistance Center agencies are dedicated to supporting the WT program, with the lion's share of them coming under the direct oversight of Boyle.

SFAC agencies have two key intents:

*Provide a one-stop location for support to Warriors in Transition and their families

*Provide tailored and responsive core services. These services will be found on-site, brought forward to the SFAC, or facilitated through priority off-site appointment.

SFAC services offered will include providing information and referral services to Soldiers and families; transition and employment assistance; social services; legal assistance; military personnel services; pastoral care; education services; invitation travel claims for families; and numerous others.

As far as any responsibility residing with Soldiers in the WT program, Boyle said, “You have one job ... to get better.”

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