



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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Priority Topic of the Week: Warrior Games

Warrior Games

The Air Force will host the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games June 1-9 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Warrior Games were established in 2010 as a way to enhance the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, ill and injured service members and expose them to adaptive sports.

Approximately 300 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans will participate in the competition. The athletes will represent the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Special Operations Command. Athletes from the U.K. Armed Forces, Australian Defence Force, and Canadian Armed Forces will also compete.

Teams include active-duty service members and a small number of veterans with upper-body, lower-body, and spinal cord injuries; traumatic brain injuries; visual impairment; serious illnesses; and post-traumatic stress. They will go head-to-head in 11 sports including, archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, and wheelchair basketball, and for the first time in Warrior Games history, indoor rowing, powerlifting, and time trial cycling.

Facts

- The 2018 Warrior Games are free and open to the public.
- The Warrior Games also help to recognize the tremendous dedication and support of athletes' family members and caregivers who have made their own sacrifices to help our athletes with their recovery efforts and athletic achievements.
- Adaptive sports provide opportunities for athletes to heal and to regain confidence and purpose; the Warrior Games offer a way to celebrate their efforts and commitment to healing.
- This year, Warrior Games will feature a Warrior Games Expo providing athletes, families, caregivers and the public an opportunity to participate in adaptive sports, view products and services to help aid recovery, and experience opportunities that can enrich their life.
- Injuries and illnesses are not always visible (TBI, cancer, post-traumatic stress), and not all are endured in combat.

Additional Information

For more information about the Warrior Games and athletes, visit www.dodwarriorgames.com

Personnel Topics of Interest

- Airmen feedback critical to future of Air Force ([AF.MIL](#))
- Air Force launches new application tool for Airmen athletes ([AF.MIL](#))
- Revitalizing the squadrons: A commander's perspective ([AF.MIL](#))

Monthly Observances

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention ([click link for additional information](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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