

*Helping severely injured Service members and their families connect with their hometown or new community – **before** returning home*

# ***Heroes to Hometowns***

**“care for our wounded must be our highest priority.”**  
**Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense**



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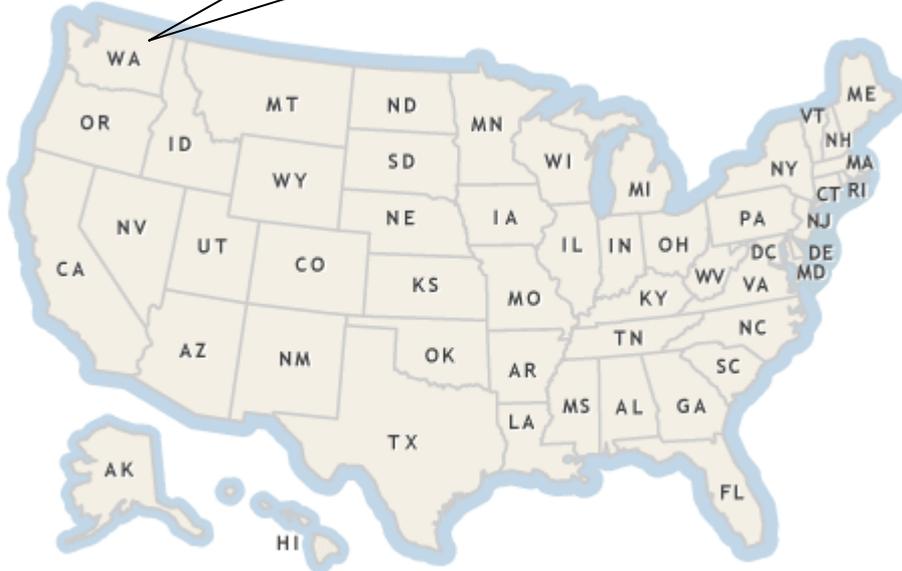
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- **Goal: Facilitate successful community reintegration**
  - Restore highest functioning quality of life
  - Assist in meeting long-term needs
  - Educate the community; ease transition home for all
  
- **Objective: Network of Local, State and National organizations to match potential needs with resources**
  
- **Tasks: Complement federal & state entitlements and programs with non-governmental support to:**
  - Organize a welcome home celebration
  - Help secure temporary and/or permanent housing
  - Assist in adapting a home or vehicle
  - Find jobs and educational opportunities
  - Create a carpool for hospital visits
  - Help work through government bureaucracy
  
- **Key Partners and State Committee Members**
  - National Guard Bureau – State Family Program Directors
  - National Association State Directors of VA – State VA Directors
  - American Legion – State Adjutants



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