# **Helpful Links**

Air Force Wounded Warrior

http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/ 1-800-581-9437

VA Caregiver Support:

http://www.caregiver.va.gov/ 1-855-260-3274

Military Health System and the Defense Health Agency (Caregiver or Family Member)

http://www.health.mil/I-Am-A/Caregiver-or-Family-Member

Military Caregiver Resources

http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Conditions-and-Treatments/Warrior-Care/Military-Caregiver-Resources

National Resource Directory https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd

Military OneSource

Warrior Resource Call Center 1-800-342-9647

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-TALK (8255), Press 1



#### **CAREGIVER PROGRAM CONTACT**

**Mailing Address:** 

HQ AFPC/DPFW

ATTN: AFW2

550 C Street West, Ste. 37

JBSA Randolph, TX 78150-4739

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CST)

#### **Enrollment Information**

Contact your respective Non-Medical Care Manager (NMCM) or Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) or the Program Manager

Program Manager

Tonya D. McGough 210-565-5326



#### Connect with us using AFW2 Social Media

www.youtube.com/user/AFWoundedWarrior www.facebook.com/AirForceWoundedWarrior www.flickr.com/photos airforcewoundedwarrior/ www.twitter.com/AFW2











# Caregiver Support Program



"What happens to a person is less significant than what happens within a person"

- Caregiver Mentor

# **Caregiver Program**

#### Mission:

To deliver personalized support to caregivers as an integral part of wounded, ill and injured Airman's recovery and rehabilitation plan.

#### Vison:

To facilitate the focus on well-being amongst our unsung hero caregivers and provide access to valuable resources and resiliency tools.

#### Who Are Caregivers?

A caregiver is a family member, friend, or acquaintance who provides a broad range of care and assistance for, or manages the care of, a current or former military service member with a disabling physical or mental injury or illness.

Together we explore the complexities of the caregiving role and other topics such as: positive coping skills, reducing anxiety, sense of self, and establishing acceptable boundaries.



# Strength In Numbers

Our program works directly with Non-Medical Care Managers (NMCMs), Recovery Care Coordinators (RCCs), Peer Support Coordinators, Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program, and Airman and Family Readiness Center staff to ensure support services are provided to caregivers based on their individual and family needs.

Through support and the sharing of hope, love, and encouragement we come together as a family to promote healthy attitudes and embrace the emotional challenges that come with caregiving.

#### **Caregiver Events**

- Excursions (tours, cultural visits, site seeing)
- Equestrian Events
- SPA Treatments
- Arts and Crafts (Care Cards, Unity Bracelets)

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#### **CAREGIVER TESTIMONIALS**

"The Caregiver Program also gives me the opportunity to talk with others caregivers who, like me, are taking care of their loved ones. We are able to give each other support and encouragement, get training, and participate in activities focused on us."

"The Caregiver Program is my lifeline to combat Caregiver fatigue. They have been teaching me tools that I can use to help lessen the stress that I undertake each and every day caring for my husband."

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#### **Never Alone**

Together our Caregivers learn skills that help them positively affect their environments. At these Air Force-funded events caregivers learn to enlist the help of other family members and friends, how to enjoy personal time away from a loved one without guilt, and learn about the multitude of resources and assistance available to our caregivers and Airmen.

### **Caregiver Venues**

- PEER (Personalized, Experiences,
  Engagement, & Resources) Forum Support
  Groups
- "Me Time Events"
- Caregiver Symposium

#### **Caregiver Training**

- Caregiver Resiliency/Life Skills
- Emotional Management and Humor
- Marriage Enrichment
- Spiritual Self Care

