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Eric Endries (LTC, RET) to join Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

RICHMOND—Retired LTC Eric Endries will join the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) as the regional director for Tidewater Virginia (Region V). The Virginia Wounded Warrior program provides a network of community-based services designed to help veterans and their families overcome the challenges of stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from their service. It helps ensure they receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

As regional director, Endries will monitor and coordinate services in the Tidewater region to help veterans and their families receive behavioral healthcare and other types of support. The program draws on services already available through localities, such as the community services boards and brain injury service providers, as well as federal resources such as the Veterans Administration and military treatment facilities. Other services, such as financial assistance, housing, and transportation, may be made available via regional partners. Through outreach activities, Endries will identify veterans and their families who need assistance and connect them with agencies that can give them the help they need.

Prior to accepting the position with VWWP, Endries served as the Army's Chief of Officer Education Systems with Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA. Prior to that assignment, he served with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX and held several staff and leadership positions at the division, brigade, and squadron levels. Duties included Division Operations Officer in support of Rear Operations, Squadron Executive Officer, Squadron Operations Officer, and Brigade Logistical Officer.

Other assignments have included Foreign Country (Africa Region) Security Assistance Manager, Fort Bragg, NC; Assistant Professor for Military Science at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; Observer and Controller National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; Tank Company Commander, 1st

Battalion, 37th Regiment, 1st Armor Division, Freidberg, Germany; Garrison Commander, Korchgon, Germany; and Scout Platoon Leader/Troop Executive Officer, 3rd Squadron, 17th Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY. During his 20 years of service, Endries completed three combat tours: one in Somalia and two in Iraq. He also deployed to Haiti and twice to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Endries' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (x2), Meritorious Service Medal (x4), Army Commendation Medal for VALOR, Army Commendation Medal (x5), Army Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Minnesota State University, and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Norwich University. He has also graduated from several Department of Defense schools.

“We are delighted that Eric will be joining our team upon his retirement in May. He is familiar with the Tidewater area, has personally experienced combat and has a passion to pay it forward to our service members, veterans of all eras and their families,” commented Catherine Wilson, Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.

Endries assumes his new duties on May 23, 2011. His office will be located in Hampton, Virginia.

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