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Donald Howell hired as Region 1 coordinator for Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

RICHMOND—Donald Howell has been hired as regional coordinator for the Virginia Wounded Warrior (VWWP) Program northwestern region (Region 1). 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 that they receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

Howell served more than 25 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. He retired as an O-6 after deployments in Operation Desert Storm, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and the Balkans, and 16 years of overseas duty. His military service areas included intelligence, special operations, human resources, and deployment operations including managing Return to Duty personnel and Rear Operations at Fort Hood during the peak of forces rotation in OIF and OEF.

Howell received both a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He resides in Nokesville with his wife Sarah and two sons. He holds a master's degree in family counseling from Boston University and a masters in strategic planning from the Army War College.

As regional coordinator, Howell will oversee VWWP peer specialists who coordinate combat support groups. He will also coordinate family support, housing, employment, and financial assistance services as well as connections with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Virginia Wounded Warrior Program draws on services already available through localities, such as the community services boards and brain injury service providers along with federal resources such as the VA and military treatment facilities. Other services, such as financial assistance, housing, and transportation, may be made available via regional partners. Through outreach activities, Howell will

identify veterans and their families who need assistance and connect them with agencies that can give them the help they need.

The VWWP northwestern region stretches from Frederick County to as far south as Bedford and Campbell counties, and as far west as Highland and Bath counties over to King George and Caroline counties. The region, however, does not include Loudon, Fairfax, and Prince William Counties.

To learn more about VWWP, visit www.WeAreVirginiaveterans.org.

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