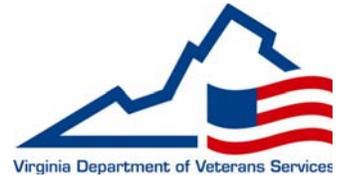


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Bronze Star Recipient Joins Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

RICHMOND— Michael Rindorf, recipient of the Bronze Star for combat action while deployed to Baghdad in 2004, is joining the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) as Regional Director, Southwest. “We are thrilled to have Michael join the VWWP Team,” said Catherine Wilson, Executive Director. “Michael brings a host of leadership, management and training skills that will be an asset to his Region as well as to the Commonwealth.”

In April, 2009, the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program infused \$1.7 Million into community programs to expand services for veterans and their families affected by combat stress and traumatic brain injuries. Five Regional Consortia have organized across the Commonwealth to assist veterans and families, engage them in treatment and expand community resources for their support. In Southwest Virginia, the Mount Rogers and New River Community Services Boards have hired two dedicated case managers who provide services in 10 counties and 2 cities. Working with a consortia of brain injury services providers, the Veterans Healthcare Administration Medical Centers in Salem, Virginia and West Virginia, the VWWP Southwest Region is providing outreach, education and direct services to veterans and families. Mr. Rindorf will work directly with this Region to monitor and coordinate services and to help veterans and their families receive behavioral health, rehabilitative and other supportive services.

For the past two years, Mr. Rindorf served as the Virginia Department of Military Affairs (DMA) authority and expert on all matters involving force protection and antiterrorism. His office serves as the conduit of information between the intelligence community and local, state, and federal

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law enforcement agencies to identify real or potential threats to the Virginia National Guard forces. Rindorf created the Virginia Army National Guard Strategic Plan for Force Protection.

Mr. Rindorf's distinguished U.S. Army career includes service as an Industrial Security Specialist, Military Police Drill Sergeant and Training Manager, Military Police Supervisor and Personal Security Officer. He supervised the training and development of a Military Police Platoon for deployment to Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II emphasizing discipline and teamwork. He was selected to lead the escorts and security of Saddam Hussein and other high value detainees. He was hand-selected to serve as the tactical advisor to the current Commandant of the Military Police Corps on force protection issues while deployed, resulting in a published Tactical Operations Manual that was used by over 3,500 Military Police during deployment to Iraq. Mr. Rindorf has also served in Bosnia as well as Kosovo.

In addition to the Bronze Star for Combat Action, Mr. Rindorf was awarded the Combat Action Badge for direct hostile engagements while deployed to Baghdad, the Joint Services Commendation Medal for accomplishments throughout three years of service while assigned as a Personal Security Officer, the Army Commendation Medal (four times) for outstanding service and Family of the Year for community service and volunteer work.

Mr. Rindorf lives in Blackstone Virginia with his wife and four sons. He plans to relocate to the VWWP Southwest Region in the near future.

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