

# WHERE WARFIGHTERS COME FOR REAL ANSWERS

EVOLUTION

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## OUR GOAL IS THE SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION OF EVERY WARFIGHTER

#### SSGT MATTHEW BURGAN

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I attended EVO 44 with the objective of helping other Veterans, and was provided the opportunity to help myself heal. This was an outstanding experience that facilitated a multitude of individual veterans working together towards the common objective of wellness. The bonds created over such a

short period of time are already making positive impacts in my life, three weeks later. I couldn't think of anything I'd recommend more to ANY veteran, regardless of how far removed they are from their term of service.

#### MAJ STEVEN BERVEN

USMC



My experience at Warfighter Advance was
deeply personal, moving
and very eye-opening.
More than anything, WA
challenged all of us to
take ownership of our own
health and recovery. This
program helped me understand the very real struggles that so many veterans face every day, and

it showed me that I am NOT alone. In one short week our group of individuals from across all the services and ranks quickly became a close-knit team, and beyond that, lifelong friends. The support both during and after EVO 44 has made all the difference, and I truly believe that I have made life-long connections with people I know will always have my back.

#### SGT CAROLYN REYES

USMC



I had an amazing experience at Warfighter Advance. I have been so broken and traumatized since being deployed to OEF/OIF 2003. I self-medicated at first with alcohol, then opiates prescribed by the VA. I was searching, reaching for anything that would suppress/

numb the emotions. Then came the multitudes of antipsychotic medications from the VA. I was numb from love and connection. I became suicidal. I just wanted it all to stop. I applied to Warfighter Advance and Evolution 44 changed my life. It gave me hope, camaraderie, and encouragement. I am no longer alone.

### GYSGT MATTHEW ADAMS

USMC



Warfighter Advance was recommended to me by a close friend and battle buddy from OEF. He only stated I should go, knowing I was experiencing very real distress. I signed up not knowing what to expect. Upon a very warm welcome I found myself immersed in my military veteran

family, with information and understanding to help sort out the future. I am now healed enough that I have embarked on section hiking the Appalachian Trail. It's a journey I describe as "hiking to heal." Thank you to the incredible team. Semper Fi.