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Penny Melvin (Sgt.Maj. Ret.) to join Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

RICHMOND—Retired Sergeant Major Penny Melvin will join the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program as the Regional Director for Tidewater and Central and Southside Virginia regions. The Virginia Wounded Warrior program coordinates support services for veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves who have stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from their service. It ensures that these veterans and their families receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

As regional director, Melvin will monitor and coordinate services in these two regions 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 through partners in these regions. Through outreach activities, Melvin will identify veterans and their families who need assistance and connect them with the agencies that can give them the help they need.

Melvin retired from the U.S. Army in 2008. In her last position post retirement she served as a Family Service Specialist—Advocate for the Army Wounded Warrior program. She also held positions as Plans, Training, Readiness and Mobilization Assistant Manager, Operations and Training Supervisor, and Operations Supervisor. Melvin also served as a Veteran Service Officer with the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Melvin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Transportation Management from the American Military University in Charleston, WV.

“Penny brings significant management experience to the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Her experience with the Army Wounded Warrior Program, as well as her experience as a Veteran

Service Officer, will prove immensely valuable in her role as regional director,” commented Catherine Wilson, Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.

Melvin assumes her new duties July 26, 2010. Her office will be located in Hampton, Virginia.

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