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SFAC/WTB Headquarters' construction "topping out"

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. – Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the Warrior Transition Battalion will conduct a "Topping Out"*** ceremony Tuesday, January 17, at 10 a.m. to mark the placement of the final structural steel beam in the new Soldier and Family Assistance Center/Warrior Transition Battalion (SFAC/WTB) administration building.

The new SFAC/WTB administration building is being constructed adjacent to the 408-Soldier WTB barracks facility that was opened in August 2011.

During the "Topping Out" ceremony, leaders and Soldiers from the SFAC & WTB and the Joint Base Garrison, and leaders from the Seattle District Corps of Engineers will sign the steel beam before it is hoisted and set into place (weather permitting).

When finished the administration building will complete the SFAC/WTB complex, ensuring WTB Soldiers have increased access to their leadership, resources and advocates. The SFAC and the WTB deliver essential leadership and services to the WTB Soldiers, their Families, and/or their caregivers to facilitate the physical, spiritual and emotional healing of the men and women who are ill, injured, or wounded. The SFAC partners with the WTB to serve as a one-stop shop for services to meet the unique needs of WTB Soldiers and their Families as they heal and prepare to transition back to their military career or into the civilian workforce.



**Topping Out – In building construction, a "topping out" ceremony is held when the last beam is placed at the top of a building. The term may also refer to the overall completion of the structure of the building.

Media who would like to cover the ceremony should call the JBLM Public Affairs Office at 253-967-0152 to RSVP, or after duty hours call 253-967-0015 and ask for the PAO on-call.

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