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## **Lewis Runnion Joins America's Warrior Partnership Board of Directors**

*-- America's Warrior Partnership announces the appointment of Lewis Runnion to its board of directors--*

Washington, D.C. – March 13, 2018 – Lewis Runnion is senior vice president of public policy and director of military affairs at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where he oversees initiatives that assist military veterans and their families with needs related to financial services, education, employment, housing and more. He has contributed to programs that have invested more than \$7 million into local veteran communities and helped more than 10,000 veterans and military spouses find employment nationwide.

“My goal is to ensure the assistance and resources we provide are reaching veterans in as efficient a manner as possible,” said Runnion. “Collaboration between communities and service providers is essential to helping veterans experience a smooth transition into civilian life. America's Warrior Partnership leads by example through its Community Integration Model to connect disparate resources and make them available to veterans and their families, so I'm honored for the opportunity to contribute to the organization's mission.”

In addition to serving veterans in his role at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Runnion co-founded Veterans on Wall Street, an initiative that provides resources to veterans for developing career skills and facilitating business opportunities in the financial services industry. Veterans on Wall Street was responsible for hosting the first New York City Chamber of Commerce hiring fair for military veterans.

“Lewis brings a thorough understanding of the financial services industry to our organization,” said Jim Lorraine, president and CEO of America's Warrior Partnership. “We are fortunate to have this opportunity to tap into his expertise and experience connecting veterans with programs and services that will empower them to create a higher quality of life for themselves.”

America's Warrior Partnership's Community Integration model is active in nine communities across the country and has served more than 39,000 veterans in three years. This model empowers communities through training, mentorship and structure to conduct proactive outreach to veterans by connecting existing resources and providing tools to create stronger collaboration among existing veteran service providers, bridging gaps in service wherever they may exist. The result is a more coordinated approach that holistically serves each veteran's individual needs, ensuring no one slips through the cracks or does not receive essential support services.

### **About America's Warrior Partnership**

America's Warrior Partnership is committed to empowering communities to empower veterans. We fill the gaps that exist between current veteran service organizations by helping nonprofits connect with the veterans, military members and families in need: bolstering their efficacy, improving their results and empowering their initiatives. America's Warrior Partnership is a force multiplier for warrior community integration that enhances communities where great Americans choose to live and contribute. For more information on the organization and how to get involved, visit [www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org](http://www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org).

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