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## **Sebastian Junger To Keynote Fifth Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium**

*-- Award-winning journalist will address gathering of veteran-serving professionals and discuss the challenges veterans face in re-acclimating to modern society --*

WASHINGTON – July 19, 2018 – America’s Warrior Partnership today announced that award-winning journalist Sebastian Junger will provide the keynote address at the Fifth Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium, a gathering of hundreds of military veteran-serving professionals to share best practices and discuss key issues affecting veterans, their families and caregivers within local communities.

Junger will explore how post-traumatic stress among veterans may in part be caused by a loss of the close bonds formed with fellow service members after transitioning to civilian life. Veteran-serving professionals may be able to overcome this challenge by empowering veterans to regain a sense of closeness with their local community. This topic is a focus of Junger’s work covering the U.S. military, which includes directing acclaimed documentaries “Restrepo” and “Korengal” and writing “Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging,” a book investigating the experiences of veterans after they leave the service.

“Sebastian is one of the most respected voices in the nation on the impact of war on our soldiers, and we undoubtedly will learn much from his experiences and insights,” said Jim Lorraine, president and CEO of America’s Warrior Partnership. “The themes of Sebastian’s presentation will resonate throughout the panels and breakout sessions of our Symposium, which will empower veteran-serving professionals with the knowledge and partnerships they need to holistically support veterans in their communities.”

The Fifth Annual Warrior Community Integration Symposium will take place from Sept. 5 – 7, 2018, at the Omni Hotel Atlanta. To learn more information and register for the event, visit [www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org/2018-Symposium](http://www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org/2018-Symposium).

**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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