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**Comedian Jon Stewart to emcee 2016 DoD Warrior Games Opening Ceremony**

Alexandria, Va. — Jon Stewart, award-winning comedian, will serve as the master of ceremonies during the 2016 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games opening ceremony on Wednesday, June 15, at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. The opening ceremony, free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. at the Academy's Shea Stadium and will include a demonstration by the U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, and performances by the West Point Band.

"I am in awe of what wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and families have overcome and continue to accomplish," Stewart said. "It is an honor to be participating in the DoD Warrior Games."

The DoD Warrior Games is an adaptive sports competition for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. Approximately 250 athletes will participate in eight sporting events, representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy/Coast Guard, Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command and United Kingdom Armed Forces. The DoD Warrior Games highlight the resiliency and warrior spirit of service members, veterans and their families and caregivers. Spectators are encouraged to attend and cheer on the athletes as they compete throughout the DoD Warrior Games, beginning at 8 a.m. on June 15-21.

Spectators are not required to register to attend, but pre-access requests are strongly encouraged to skip the long wait at the entrance gates. For more information on attending, volunteering, covering or participating, please visit <http://warriorgames.dodlive.mil> or follow the Games on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/warriorgames>.

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