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Wounded Warrior is Keynote Speaker at Veterans Breakfast

Stratford, Connecticut – A retired Army staff sergeant who survived nine direct hits by improvised explosive devices (IEDs) will share his story of determination as the guest speaker at the 2013 Town of Stratford Veterans Breakfast.

Representing the Boston area Wounded Warrior Project, Erick Millette will speak at the Veterans Breakfast, which is scheduled for **9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013** at Vazzano's Four Seasons, 337 Kenyon Street, Stratford.

Millette's 11-year military career spanned two tours of duty in Iraq, where he sustained injuries to his knee, back and head – including traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. He will travel to Stratford as a representative of the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization serving veterans and service members who incurred physical or mental injury, illness or wounds coincident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001, and their families.

In addition to Millette's remarks, the 2013 Town of Stratford Veterans Breakfast also will feature a military honor guard, musical entertainment by Stratford High School singers, and recognition of Purple Heart recipients in attendance. There is no charge for veterans for this full traditional breakfast; non-veteran guests will be asked to donate \$5 each to help defray the event costs.

The deadline to sign up is May 13, 2013. To reserve a place, please call Mayor John Harkins' office at 203-385-4001 or e-mail ldilullo@townofstratford.com.