

Wounded Warrior Regiment:

The Marine Corps' greatest assets are our Marines. Since 1775, the Marine Corps has been taking care of its own. As such, taking care of our wounded, ill, and injured Marines and their families is a responsibility the Corps takes seriously.

In his 2006 Planning Guidance, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James T. Conway, highlighted his vision of taking care of wounded warriors and their families. In April 2007, that vision was realized with the establishment of the Wounded Warrior Regiment at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Wounded Warrior Battalions were subsequently stood up at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Both East and West Battalions provide on-site barracks designed as healing centers for outpatient care, allowing wounded warriors to recover in a supportive on-base environment.

The Wounded Warrior Regiment provides and facilitates assistance to the wounded, ill, and injured Marines and Sailors attached to or in direct support of Marine units and their family members throughout the phases of recovery. This assistance is not a process, it is a personal relationship. The Regiment ensures Marines receive proper and timely medical care and specifically oversees non-medical care management to help Marines and families throughout the recovery process. Examples of help include:

- Facilitation of Invitational Travel Orders (ITOs) for family travel to bedside
- Direct support to families to help them while they are at their Marine's bedside (i.e., transportation to commissary, military exchanges, incidental needs, etc.)
- Assistance navigating the Medical and Physical Evaluation Board processes
- Pay and entitlement assistance
- Coordination with charitable organizations
- Mentoring
- Job counseling and placement
- Permanent Limited Duty (PLD) support
- Facilitation of educational benefits
- Veteran Service Organizations liaison

- Liaison with federal benefits agencies (Veterans Administration, Social Security Administration, etc.)
- Filing Traumatic Injury Protection under Service Members' Group Life Insurance (T-SGLI) claims

The Marine Corps' leadership has made significant progress in providing non-medical care management, benefit information and assistance, resource and referrals, and transition support to 'our' Marine Corps wounded, ill, and injured Marines and their families. Examples of the Regiment's assets and capabilities are:

- **Sgt. Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center** – Receives calls from active duty and former Marines (available 24/7) and also conducts outreach calls to Marines wounded since 2001. The Call Center has already contacted the vast majority of these wounded Marines to assess how they are doing and offer our assistance. Additionally, we added Battalion Call Centers to increase our outreach capability.
- **Wounded Warrior Operations Center** – The Regiment's "nerve center," monitors day-to-day operations to ensure case progress to resolution.
- **Charitable Organizations Cell** – Interacts with benevolent organizations to coordinate charitable giving to wounded, ill, injured and their families.
- **Job Transition Cell** – Manned by Marines and representatives of the Departments of Labor and Veterans' Affairs, the cell proactively reaches out to identify and coordinate with prospective employers and job training programs to put our wounded warriors in places where they are most likely to succeed and enjoy promising careers.
- **Marine VA Liaisons** – Established Marine liaison representatives with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **District Injured Support Cells** – Manned by active duty Marines, these cells are established throughout the country to conduct face-to-face visits and telephone outreach to reserve and former wounded, ill, and injured Marines.
- **Mental Health Support** – Dedicated assets to mental health issues across the Wounded Warrior Regiment, to include Regimental and Battalion Chaplains.

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