



# USMC Guidance Sheet

## REFERRING MARINES TO THE WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

It is the intent of USMC leadership that wounded, ill, and injured (WII) Marines remain assigned to their current unit, so long as their medical condition allows and that unit can support the Marine's recovery and return to a full duty status. However, considerations for transfer to the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) may be necessary depending upon the severity of the Marine's condition and limitations and degree of medical and non-medical care management requirements.

The following guidelines will assist you through the referral process. If you need further clarification refer to WWR Order 6300.1A, Administrative Procedures for Acceptance of Wounded, Ill and Injured or Hospitalized Personnel to the WWR, visit the WWR website, or call the Sergeant Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center.

### ROUTING REQUESTS

- Request for assignment to a WWR element can be initiated by the parent command, medical officer, WWR Detachment Officer-in-Charge, or the WWR Operations section.
- The requester should complete the Command Referral Request along with recommendation letters from a competent medical authority. The referral form along with sample medical authority forms are available on the Battalion pages of the WWR website at [www.woundedwarriorregiment.org](http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org).
- Requests should be submitted to WWBn East at WWBn\_East\_S3 or WWBn West at WWBN WEST OPERATIONS located in the Global Address List.
- The COs of WWBn East and WWBn West will be the approval authority on all requests. The WWR CO will make the final determination on all disapprovals.
- The Battalion operations center will respond to the requestor no later than 14 working days from initial receipt of a completed package.

### STANDARD CONSIDERATIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE

(These are general guidelines, not a guarantee of acceptance)

- Injuries that will require more than 90 days of medical treatment or rehabilitation per MCO 6320.2E, Administration and Processing of Injured/Ill/Hospitalized Marines.
- The parent command cannot support transportation requirements to the medical treatment facility.

- The Marine cannot serve a function in the parent command due to his/her injuries or illness.
- The Marine has three or more appointments per week.

### STANDARD CONSIDERATIONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

(Not all inclusive)

- The Marine can serve a function in the parent command even if outside his/her primary MOS.
- The Marine has been referred to the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Physical Evaluation Board.
- The Marine requires a level of monitoring or observation that cannot be provided by the WWR (24 hour watch, psychotic condition, etc.)
- The Marine is pending adjudication of military or civil charges.
- A line of duty investigation/determination regarding the circumstances that resulted in his/her injuries or illness has not yet been completed.

If you have questions regarding the referral process or would like to submit a request, contact the WWR Call Center at 1.877.487.6299.

### GENERAL CATEGORY CLASSIFICATIONS

Category I recovering service member

- Has a mild injury or illness
- Is expected to return to duty in less than 90 days
- Receives primarily local outpatient and short-term inpatient medical treatment and rehabilitation

Category II recovering service member

- Has a serious injury or illness
- Is unlikely to return to duty in less than 90 days
- May be medically separated from the military

Category III recovering service member

- Has a severe/catastrophic injury or illness
- Is highly unlikely to return to duty
- Will most likely be medically separated from the military

*Note: Refer to the Manual for Medical Department (MANMED) for further guidance.*

## THE WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

The Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) stood up in April 2007 and immediately began to assume responsibilities for non-medical Wounded Warrior care. **The mission of the WWR is to provide and facilitate assistance to Wounded, Ill and Injured (WII) Marines, Sailors attached to or in direct support of Marine units, and their family members, throughout the phases of recovery.** The Regimental Headquarters element, located in Quantico, Va., coordinates the operations of two Wounded Warrior Battalions located at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Regimental Headquarters provides unity of command and unity of effort through a single Commander who provides guidance, direction, and oversight to the Marine Corps WII non-medical care process and ensures continuous improvements to care management and the seamless transition of recovering Marines.



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