



# WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

## SUPPORT TO WOUNDED/ILL/INJURED RESERVE PERSONNEL

**Medical Hold Program (MedHold)** is primarily for Reservists on Active Duty for more than 30 days and who must be retained beyond their Expiration of Active Service (EAS) / Expiration of Current Contract (ECC) for medical treatment. Per established guidelines, to be placed on medical hold Reservists must be in a limited duty (LIMDU) status and must CONSENT in writing to stay on MedHold beyond original EAS/ECC. After two periods of limited duty, Marines on medical hold orders will be referred to the Medical Evaluation Board (MEB). WII Reservists on MedHold receive their full pay and benefits.

**Line of Duty (LOD) Benefits** are for Reservists injured during drill weekend, annual training or on active duty 30 days or less. Reservists on Active Duty for more than 30 days who demobilize but need care for service incurred ailments and Reservists who are directed to demobilize by the RMED Senior Medical Officer (SMO) are also eligible for LOD benefits. For Marines in receipt of LOD benefits, a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) will be initiated if condition is not or WILL NOT be resolved within 90 days.

All WII Reservists on LOD receive medical benefits, however if the injury prevents the Reservist from returning to their civilian job, they may qualify for incapacitation pay. There are two types:

- **Non-Drilling 204(g)** - Members in an inpatient status, Sick in Quarters (SIQ) status or a convalescent leave status following surgery can receive their full pay and entitlements minus any earned income (i.e. income protection plan, vacation pay, or sick leave).
- **Drilling 204(h)** - While recovering, if they are still unable to work, they may be reimbursed for lost wages, not to exceed the military pay for which they qualify. In this situation, they must have had a civilian job when the illness, injury or disease occurred and they must provide proof of the lost income.

The Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) was established to provide non-medical care to the total Marine force: Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Veteran Marines.

Whether drilling, on annual training or serving on orders, WWR is here to support Reserve Marines who are wounded, become ill or are injured. Because of the unique needs of Reserve Marines, the WWR has the Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination (RMED) Section to specifically assist wounded, ill or injured (WII) Reservists.



### Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination Section

The WWR's Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination (RMED) Section oversees all cases of WII Reservists who require medical care beyond the duty period for service-incurred ailments. Those who require extension on active duty are placed into the Medical Hold Program. Those who do not require extension on active duty, or who desire to demobilize to return to their civilian life, have their medical needs addressed through the WWR's Line of Duty (LOD) Benefits Program.

### RMED Procedures

When a Reserve Marine is wounded, becomes ill or is injured while in a duty status, the WWR steps in to support them. The Reservist must report the illness, injury or disease AS SOON AS it occurs. The Reserve unit then submits the appropriate request via Marine Corps Medical Entitlements Data System (MCMEDS) regardless of the member's intent to use other benefits. Once in MCMEDS, the Military Medical Support Office (MMSO) authorizes treatment and settles claims for medical care related to the specific illness, injury or disease.

When seeking care, the Reservist should use one of the following in order of ease of use: Military Treatment Facility (MTF), VA Hospital, or civilian health care provider participating in TRICARE. MTFs require a LOD authorization letter to allow the member to receive treatment. Program benefits are only authorized for medical conditions reported via MCMEDS.

Regardless if a Reservist is on MedHold or LOD, they must provide monthly physical status reports from their Physician via the MCMEDS system, which includes: (1) Detailed recent treatment; (2) Planned interventions for the upcoming month; and (3) Prognosis of the injury/illness/disease.

## Limited Duty Coordinator

Every Reserve Command has a Limited Duty Coordinator (LDC). The LDC uses MCMEDS to submit requests and manage cases at the unit level. LDCs ensure Reservists get relevant medical evaluations as soon as a problem is identified and submit requests to RMED via MCMEDS. The LDC maintains contact with RMED who will assist with case management.

## District Injured Support Coordinators

District Injured Support Coordinators (DISCs) are the WWR Commanding Officer's representatives in the civilian community. They are mobilized Marine Reservists located throughout the country supporting remote and isolated WII Reservists and their families and helping WII Marines transition from Active Duty or Reserves to Veteran status.

## Other services available to WII Reservists

While not officially attached to the WWR, WII Reservists have access to many of the programs available to active duty WII Marines. These include:

- **Camps and Events** – Furnishes opportunities for the entire family to participate in WWR sponsored camps and events including Chaplains' Religious Enrichment Program (CREDO), Outdoor Odyssey, and PTSD for couples.
- **Medical Section** – Works closely with Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) to handle the physical (medical) and psychological needs of WII Marines and determine the most appropriate course of action.
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison** – Supplies information, education and assistance on services available through the VA.
- **Family Support Staff (Family Readiness Officers and Family Support Coordinators)** - Provides assistance, training, and information about family activities offered locally and nationally.
- **Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Attorney Program** – Supplies free legal assistance, specifically for WII Marines going through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) process.
- **Non-Medical Care Manager** – Offers immediate and typically short-term support on issues ranging from employment, education assistance, financial management and planning, housing adaptation, transportation, and benefits information and access.
- **Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC)** – Defines goals for recovery, navigating the system and identifying resources and services. RCCs are provided primarily for WII Reservists going through the IDES process.
- **Religious Ministry Services** - Gives spiritual, moral, and emotional care to WII Marines, their families, and staff.
- **Sergeant Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center** – Links WII Reservists and their families with the resources and services that support them and update WII Reservists of policy changes that affect them. Also a hub for social media outreach.
- **Transition Support Cell** – Enhances community reintegration by identifying employers and job training programs.
- **Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program (WAR P)** – Delivers opportunities to engage in over 20 physical and cognitive activities outside the traditional therapy setting.

## 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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