



SUPPORT TO WOUNDED/ILL/INJURED RESERVE PERSONNEL

FACT SHEET

The Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) was established to provide and facilitate assistance to Wounded, Ill, and Injured (WII) Marines and their family members throughout the phases of their recovery. The WWR is a single command with a strategic reach that provides non-medical care to the total Marine force: Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Veteran Marines. This non-medical care is provided whether Marines are at major military treatment facilities, at home away from bases and stations, or with their operational units.

Although all non-medical care support offered by the WWR is provided to Reserve Marines, specific Reserve-related elements of WWR care coordination include:

- Under a Return Integration Location (RILOC) Process, the WWR's Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination (RMED) Division facilitates medical evaluations of mass groups of Reservists returning from deployment. Working with the demobilization site Medical Treatment Facility, blocks of appointments are arranged for studies and specialist evaluations. This enables immediate treatment of service-connected medical issues and facilitates the administrative work related to Marines in Medical Hold or Line of Duty processes. At post-deployment health reassessment sites, VA representatives help Reserve Marines make appointments at VA medical facilities and provide readjustment counseling services.

The WWR's Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination (RMED) Division maintains oversight of all cases of reservists who require medical care beyond their contract period for service-connected 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 Benefit (LODB) Program. WWR's RMED Division provides expansive advocacy for real-time tracking and monitoring of Reservists under its auspices.

- The Marine Corps has a Reserve Psychological Health Outreach Program with six psychological health teams at Marine Reserve sites across the Nation (Devens, MA; Marietta, GA; New Orleans, LA; Kansas City, MO; Ft. Lewis, WA; and San Bruno, CA). These teams provide psychological health assessment and outreach to returning Reservists; facilitate access to psychological health support resources for Reservists and families, and provide education in Combat Operational Stress Control Training and suicide prevention.

The majority of the WWR's staff consists of Reserve Marines. This provides a high level of Reservist subject matter expertise to deal with Selected Marine Corps Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve Marines, which allows for heightened advocacy with regard to Reserve-specific issues.

- Under the RILOC process, the WWR coordinates a VA outreach initiative to educate demobilizing Reservists on various types of VA benefits entitlements, such as health care, education, housing, and more.
- To support remote and isolated Reservists, the WWR has District Injured Support Cells (DISCs), who are geographically dispersed mobilized Marine Reservists who conduct face-to-face visits and telephonic outreach to Reserve and former Marines and families located throughout the country.
- The WWR utilizes Marines from over 180 Reserve Training Centers located in 48 states including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to provide outreach support to WII Marines and families from coast to coast.
- The WWR's DISCs and the Marines from the Reserve Training Centers have immediate access to the WWR's Medical Cell and Clinical Services Staff for psychological health and/or traumatic brain injury issues.
- The WWR is collaborating with a resiliency training program, Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS), to teach WII Marines and families (including Reserve and remote and isolated Marines) to contend with the stress associated with multiple deployments, combat stress, and physical injuries. Families are provided practical strategies and tools for talking to children about illness and combat-related injuries.
- The WWR uses the Military and Family Life Consultants (MFLCs) Program for Reservists and their families. The MFLC Program provides short term, situational, problem solving counseling services and helps Service members and their families understand the impact of stress, deployments, family reunions following deployments and the stresses of military life.

In April 2008, the WWR's Sergeant Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center conducted a Reserve-specific outreach program. Call Center representatives successfully contacted all members of a Marine Corps Personnel Recovery Platoon (721 Reservists who may bear the less visible wounds of battle) to check on their well-being and offer information and referral as needed.



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