



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM OUTREACH PROGRAM

Disability Evaluation System (DES) Attorneys are available during the various IDES stages including:

- Medical Boards
- Rebuttal
- Informal Findings
- Formal Findings
- Petitions for Relief

To request assistance, visit the DES Outreach Program web page at:

[http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/sja/Branches/DisabilityEvaluationSystem\(DES\)OutreachCounsel.aspx](http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/sja/Branches/DisabilityEvaluationSystem(DES)OutreachCounsel.aspx)

- or call -

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Wounded Warrior Call Center

1-877-487-6299

When a Marine is wounded, falls ill, or is injured, comprehensive and coordinated medical and non-medical support becomes vitally important, especially when determining if the Marine is fit for duty or will need to medically separate from the Corps. The Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) is the process for determining a Marine's fitness for duty, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability rating and VA benefits.

Well-trained and certified Marine Corps Judge Advocates in cooperation with Navy Judge Advocates and Department of the Navy civilian attorneys will assist Wounded, Ill and Injured (WII) Marines and Sailors throughout the IDES process. Assisting them early in the process will ensure that their rights are protected, that each receives a fair assessment of his or her medical condition and that the condition is accurately documented during the Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) process.

Additionally, they explain the significance and impact of the informal and formal Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) findings and how disability ratings and monetary compensation, if applicable, are calculated.

They are available to assist in the drafting of documents for submission to the PEB including:

- Rebuttal Documents
- Personal Statements
- Petitions for Relief
- and any other needed documentation




DES attorneys may provide counsel to Marines via telephone, or in person. They also participate in an outreach program to contact the WII Marines and are available to educate Commands on the IDES process.

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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