

RELIGIOUS MINISTRY TEAM

FACT SHEET

The Wounded Warrior Regiment's (WWR)
Religious Ministry Team (RMT) consists of
Chaplains and Religious Program Specialists who
provide spiritual, moral, and emotional care to
Wounded, Ill, and Injured (WII) Marines, their families,
and staff. The WWR has four RMTs located at the
Regiment, Battalions, and Landstuhl who are prepared
to assist all in the course of their recovery through
prayer, pastoral counseling, religious sacraments, or
offering a confidential place to talk.

The programs and services provided by the RMTs are unique in that they serve a wide geographic population. WII Marines and families recovering at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) or those recovering at home are in some cases separated from bases and stations. WWR Chaplains ensure that pastoral care is available to remote and isolated families either through coordination with local faith communities or by making home visits to check on or to provide guidance to those recovering at home.

Additional WWR Chaplain duties include:

- Act as the moral and ethical advisor to the Regiment and Battalion Commander, staff and resident Marines
- Serves as a part of the multi-disciplinary team that provides for WII Marines' and families' non-medical care
- Perform site visits to detachments at Military Treatment Facilities and VA Polytrauma Centers
- Provide opportunities for spiritual development and direction through individual counseling or small group settings
- · Support family readiness staff
- Provide spiritual support, encouragement, and assistance to WII Marines
- Assist Marines in building and sustaining spirit of hope, an enduring attitude of encouragement, and a strong sense well-being

Chaplains support the spiritual well-being of the WII Marines, their families, and staff through worship services, religious education, pastoral care, counseling, and religious activities. Two examples include the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Program (CREDO) and the Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP).

The CREDO program has a number retreats free of charge for active duty, reserve and retired Marines and their families. Retreats cover a range of topics and include: Personal Growth; Marriage Enrichment; Family Enrichment; Warrior Transition Workshops; Spiritual Growth; and Men's, Women's and Teen Retreats. For more information or to sign-up for one of the retreats contact your local Chaplain's office or visit www.chaplaincare.navy.mil.

PREP is designed for equipping military couples with skills they need to maintain a happy and healthy marriage. Instructors provide tips on managing conflict, problem solving, effective communication, and working as a team in order to preserve and enhance commitment and relationships. For more information on PREP or to attend classes contact your local Chaplain's office or visit www.prepinc.com.

Not all of your needs are medical. Speaking to a Chaplain may help. To contact your nearest Chaplain:

Regiment Chaplain: 703.432.1878

Battalion East Chaplain: 910.449.9769

Battalion West Chaplain: 760.725.3721

The Chaplain Corps also maintains a website portal which provides 24 hour chaplain care to military personnel and their families (1-877-4-1-TOUCH) and provides a number of on-line resources for self-care or spiritual fitness and links to additional support programs at http://chaplaincare.navy.mil/index.htm

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 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, Virginia, coordinates the operations of two Wounded Warrior Battalions located at Camp Pendleton, California, and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. 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.

