

# Warrior Care Recovery Coordination Program



## BACKGROUND



Air Force Wounded Warrior Program



Army Recovery Care Program



Navy Wounded Warrior



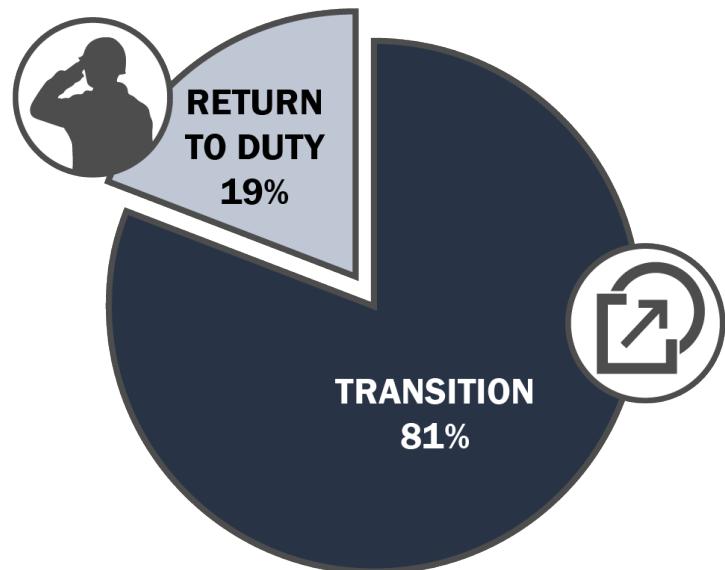
U.S. Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment

U.S. Special Operations Command  
Warrior Care Program (Care Coalition)

**T**he Recovery Coordination Program supports wounded, ill, or injured service members and their families and caregivers through the continuum of care – recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration or transition to civilian life.

Average time enrolled: 542 days or 1.5 years

81% transition; 19% return to duty



**For more Information:**  
<https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/Service-Programs/>



**The Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs provides essential oversight** for the program, guaranteeing a high standard of care and a holistic approach to recovery. This oversight ensures that all aspects of a service member's well-being are addressed, from career and education goals to the emotional and spiritual needs of the entire family. Managed by the Defense Health Agency, the program provides policy and oversight to the warrior care programs of each of the military departments and U.S. Special Operations Command.

**Force Readiness:** By ensuring wounded warriors receive timely and effective care, the program minimizes long-term disability and maximizes the potential for return to duty, contributing to overall military readiness.

**Retention and Recruitment:** Demonstrating a commitment to service members' well-being strengthens recruitment and retention efforts. Potential recruits are more likely to enlist, and current service members more likely to re-enlist, when they know the department values their quality of life.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** The program can lead to long-term cost savings by reducing disability claims, promoting return to duty, and facilitating successful transition to civilian life, minimizing reliance on long-term support programs.

**National Security:** Veterans possess invaluable skills and experience that are vital to national security. A smooth transition ensures this population remains engaged in civilian roles.

**Public Trust and Confidence:** Commitment to transitioning service members, especially wounded warriors, builds trust with the American public, strengthening civil-military relations and securing vital resources.

## Service Member Benefits

- Honors their sacrifice
- Increases employment and education opportunities
- Maximizes their potential
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves physical and mental health
- Enhances quality of life





## KEY COMPONENTS

### Service Member Support:

- Service members are supported by a Recovery Care Coordinator through the development of a Comprehensive Recovery Plan. The CRP is a holistic plan tailored to the specific needs and goals of each service member.

### Family and Caregiver Support:

- Families and caregivers play a critical role in the recovery process. The program helps them navigate the challenges of supporting their service member and provides assistance with their own personal needs.

### Return to Duty or Transition Assistance:

- The program supports service members in either returning to military service or transitioning to civilian life. **For those seeking return to duty**, the program helps navigate the service member's goal to meet military readiness standards. **For those transitioning**, the program provides comprehensive transition assistance, including career counseling, education planning, and job search services.

### Additional Support Programs:

- Based on a Service member's individual needs, there are many programs available to provide tailored support:
  - **Operation Warfighter:** provides opportunities for wounded, ill, and injured service members to transition military skills into occupational success through federal internships.
  - **Education and Employment Initiative:** connects wounded, ill, and injured service members to civilian education and employment opportunities.

- **Military Adaptive Sports Program:** enhances recovery by engaging wounded, ill, and injured service members in individualized physical and cognitive activities outside of traditional therapy settings, inspiring recovery and physical fitness, and encouraging new opportunities for growth and achievement.
- **National Resource Directory - <https://nrd.gov/>:** A website providing access to federal, state, and local resources that support recovery, rehabilitation, and community integration for service members, veterans, and their families.

### Integrated Disability Evaluation System:

- A joint disability evaluation process of the Department of War and the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine if ill, or injured service members are fit for continued military service and provide disability benefits to service members and veterans.



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