



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

Fact Sheet | Medical Cell

APPLIES TO:

Any wounded, ill or injured (WII) Marine or sailor, active duty, retired, or veteran who needs assistance with medical advocacy, education or coordination.



The Medical Cell is a component of the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) that provides medical subject matter expertise, advocacy, and liaison to the medical community; including VA Health Care Centers, military treatment facilities, civilian and community medical providers as well as academic universities and non-profit agencies. Medical Cell staff includes the Regimental Surgeon, a Mental Health Advisor, a Nurse Case Manager, a Psychological Health Advisor, a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisor, and Clinical Care Advocates.

While the WWR's care is focused on non-medical support, every service member assisted by the WWR is recovering from visible and/or invisible wounds, illness or injuries. Successful recovery requires both medical and non-medical support and advocacy.

Accordingly, the WWR must have a level of medical expertise to bridge the gap between medical and non-medical care. Medical Cell clinical personnel are knowledgeable and licensed professionals who advocate for the wounded, ill, and injured and their families. They collaborate with medical and non-medical team members during the service member's recovery. If gaps are identified, Medical Cell personnel take appropriate courses of action and utilize resources to optimize the service member's medical and psychological health.

**National Veterans'
Crisis Line/Suicide
Prevention Hotline**
1.800.273.TALK(8255)
or Text 838255
www.veteranscrisisline.net

Medical Cell Staff | Key Actions



ADVOCACY

- Support a comprehensive Psychological Health and TBI Program to help every WII Marine receive the best prevention, identification and treatment.
- Advocate for WII Marines within the DoD/VA Health Care System to ensure rapid access to care and proper screening. Coordinate care through multiple contacts in civilian, military and veteran medical facilities, and charitable organizations.
- Screen Marines for possible inclusion in research studies, including complementary and alternative treatment options.



EDUCATION

- Provide education and resources so that WII Marines and their families can address concerns related to relationship stress, memory loss, sleep problems, anxiety and depression.
- Assist commands and WWR staff by evaluating the needs of WII Marines and answering questions about medical symptoms and diagnoses.
- Provide instruction on PTSD, TBI, depression, substance use and their impact on post-deployment adjustment and family relationships.



COORDINATION

- Coordinate with medical providers, case managers, multi-disciplinary teams, District Injured Support Coordinators and Recovery Care Coordinators.
- Assist with transfers between medical treatment facilities to ensure continuity of care.
- Collaborate with civilian organizations that provide treatment programs for PTSD/substance use disorder and TBI rehabilitation and reintegration.
- Work with military treatment facilities and VA hospitals/clinics by connecting WII Marines to case managers and VA personnel for screening and treatment.

USEFUL LINKS

The National Resource Directory	https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov
National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	www.ptsd.va.gov
Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health & TBI	www.dcoe.health.mil
Leaders Guide for Managing Marines in Distress	www.usmc-mccs.org/leadersguide
Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center	www.dvbic.org
The Journey Home-the CEMM Traumatic Brain Injury Website	www.traumaticbraininjuryatoz.org
Real Warriors (hosted by the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI)	www.realwarriors.net