



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

Fact Sheet | RCC Support



RCC Support

The Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) is one of the first nonmedical points of contact that a Marine and family members/caregivers will meet. RCCs conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and coordinate the support network that ensures those needs are addressed in support of a successful return to full duty or transition to the civilian community. RCCs are available to Marines and their families/caregivers—whether they are assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) or remain with their operational units.

Recovery Coordination Program

RCCs are one element of the WWR's Recovery Coordination Program. They help Marines and their families/caregivers define their individual goals for recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration. A RCC's primary responsibilities include:

- Work with the Marine and their family/caregiver to develop a comprehensive recovery plan, which identifies needs and defines the goals for recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration.
- Locate and educate Marines and their families/caregivers on available services and resources.
- Minimize delays and gaps in treatment and services, to include when the Marine is processing through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES).
- Provide information on benefits and compensation, legal resources, financial counseling, support, and caregiver resources.

What is a Caregiver?

A caregiver is defined as any relative, partner, friend or neighbor who has a significant personal relationship with, and provides a broad range of assistance for, a person with a chronic or disabling condition. These individuals may be primary or secondary caregivers and live with, or separately from, the person receiving care. Caregivers for wounded, ill, or injured (WII) Marines face a range of challenges that impact them on daily basis, including physical health, mental health, finances, education, family issues, transportation, housing and legal issues.



This fact sheet applies to:

Wounded, ill, and injured Service members and their families/caregivers.



WWR Fact Sheets of Interest:

- Recovery Care Coordinator
- Comprehensive Recovery Plan
- Care Team

Caregiver Resources and Support

Military Caregiver Support

DoD's support to military caregivers includes the Caregiver Resource Directory, the Military Caregiver Personalized Experiences, Engagement, and Resources (PEER) Forum Initiative, monthly Caregiver Virtual PEER Forums, Military Caregiver Webinars, caregiver-related events, and specialized resources.



Caregiver Resource Directory is a compilation of the most common military caregiver resources. The reference guide can be found online as well as in print. The directory has been circulated to more than 50,000 individuals in need of assistance.

Military Caregiver PEER Forums are coordinated efforts among the Office of Warrior Care Policy, Military community and Family Policy, the military services and U.S. Special Operations Command to establish in-person and virtual opportunities for military caregivers to congregate, converse among their peers, share resources and best practices, and provide support.

Military Family Learning Network initiated a caregiver support curriculum consisting of monthly webinars on topics critical to caregivers. Webinar topics include adaptive technology, traumatic brain injury care, and post-traumatic stress care.

Visit: <https://blogs.extension.org/militaryfamilies> for more information on the Military Families Learning Network.

PEER Forum Information and Eligibility

Military Caregiver PEER Forums meet, in person, on 62 military installations across the United States that serve WWII Service members, their families and caregivers. In addition to the in-person meetings, Virtual PEER Forums, webinars and other online tools are used to engage caregivers in remote locations, ensuring all those who are looking for support are able to find it.

Who is Eligible? WWII Marines, their families, and caregivers who receive support through the Recovery Coordination Program are eligible to access these forums.

Contact Information

Military caregivers should contact a member of the DoD military caregiver team at OSD.caregiver@mail.mil to learn more about caregiver support, find local PEER Forums and RSVP for Virtual PEER Forums.