The Marine Corps, through the Wounded Warrior Regiment, has made an enduring commitment to keep faith with wounded, ill and injured Marines who have sacrificed much. Since 2007, the Wounded Warrior Regiment has been helping wounded, ill and injured Marines, and sailors serving in support of Marine units, to improvise, adapt and overcome.

Whether Marines are wounded in combat, fall ill, or are injured in the line of duty, the WWR serves the total force: active duty, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines. Every person’s recovery experience will be different, and the process of healing involves many transitions. As a Marine moves from stabilization through rehabilitation to reintegration, they will experience different types of medical treatments, changing care providers, and perhaps new locations.

**Stabilization**
The stabilization phase begins at the point of injury or diagnosis, and ends with release from acute inpatient care (when the Marine is discharged from the hospital). Medical treatment will be the top priority at this time.

**Rehabilitation**
The rehabilitation phase generally begins when the Marine moves to an outpatient status, and continues through the tapering off of treatments such as physical therapy. Medical treatments will still be a top priority, but a Marine and family will also begin to focus on goals to heal a Marine’s mind, body, spirit, and family.

**Reintegration**
The reintegration phase is when the Marine prepares to either return to full duty or separate from the military and return to civilian life. If a Marine returns to military service, he or she will receive assistance, if required, to retrain for a new military job. If a Marine leaves the military, he or she will be introduced to the local District Injured Support Coordinator who will help navigate support from the Department of Veterans Affairs and community-based partners.
The Wounded Warrior Regiment is a single command with strategic reach that provides and facilitates assistance to wounded, ill and injured Marines, sailors attached to or in support of Marine units, and their families. The Regimental headquarters, located in Quantico, Va., commands the operation of two Wounded Warrior Battalions and multiple detachments in locations around the globe, including at major military treatment facilities and Department of Veterans Affairs polytrauma centers.

Whether a wounded, ill, or injured Marine is assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment or remains with their parent command, each individual Marine requires varying levels of support and care. Our focus is on ability – helping Marines and their families improvise, adapt and overcome.

The Marine Corps care model is unique in that its approach is to return recovering Marines to their parent/operational units as quickly as their medical conditions permit. Allowing Marines to “stay in the fight” is what makes the Marine Corps care model successful.

It’s a Relationship not a Process...

In the aftermath of a wound, illness or injury, a Marine may need assistance identifying the resources available to them. To help navigate their recovery and to return to duty or community reintegration, the Wounded Warrior Regiment works to surround Marines with a specialized care team. This team is the first line of defense, helping the Marine and their family navigate their recovery mission.

Wounded Warrior Battalion Detachments – Battalion detachments handle the day-to-day needs of their Marines. Detachment staff assists families with practical issues (i.e. pay, entitlements, travel and transportation, temporary lodging, etc.) and resources provided by governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination Section – The Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination Section administers all cases of WII reservists who require medical care for service-incurred ailments.

Marine Leadership – Section Leaders combine the discipline and standards of the Marine Corps with an understanding of the challenges wounded, ill and injured Marines face. A Section Leader’s primary role is to provide daily leadership and motivation for Marines as well as ensure coordinated medical and non-medical recovery efforts.

Marines who remain with their parent / operational unit are supported by their regular command structure. The Wounded Warrior Regiment provides education and resources to help commands support their wounded, ill and injured Marines.

Recovery Care Coordinators – Recovery Care Coordinators help Marines define and meet their individual goals for stabilization, rehabilitation, and reintegration, identifying useful resources along the way.

Medical Cell – The Medical Cell provides medical subject matter expertise, advocacy and liaison to the medical community.

Sergeant Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center – The Wounded Warrior Call Center extends support to wounded, ill and injured Marines through advocacy, resource identification, referral, information distribution and care coordination over the phone, fax, texting and social media.

District Injured Support Coordinators – District Injured Support Coordinators, located across the country, ease the transition of wounded, ill and injured Marines from active or reserve status to veteran status by conducting, as needed, outreach and face-to-face visits.

Non-Medical Care Managers – Non-Medical Care Managers offer immediate and typically short-term support on issues ranging from employment, education assistance, financial management and planning, housing adaptation, transportation, and benefits information.

Family Support Staff – Family Readiness Officers and Family Support Coordinators are available at the Wounded Warrior Regiment, Battalions and Detachments to provide assistance, training, and information about family activities offered locally and nationally.

Transition Specialists – Transition Specialists enhance community reintegration by identifying employers and education to help ensure wounded, ill and injured Marines are competitive in the job market.

Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program – The Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program challenges Marines to engage in physical and cognitive activities such as sports and related activities.

Religious Ministry Services – Chaplains and Religious Program Specialists give spiritual, moral, and emotional care to wounded, ill and injured Marines and their families, regardless of religious affiliation.

Charitable Giving Office – The Charitable Giving Office administers the acceptance and distribution of gifts and donations to the Wounded Warrior Regiment to ensure proper oversight, coordination, and tracking.