



# NAVY WOUNDED WARRIOR - SAFE HARBOR EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) - Safe Harbor is the Navy's sole organization for coordinating the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and providing resources and support to their families and caregivers. Through proactive leadership, the program provides individually-tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of the wounded warriors' recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration activities.

NWW helps Sailors and Coast Guardsmen return to duty, and, when that's not possible, the program works collaboratively with federal agencies, and state and local organizations to ease wounded warriors back into their communities.

## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Employment assistance is a key component of NWW's Transition and Veterans Support program for enrolled seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen. A wounded warrior's successful reintegration into civilian life often depends upon whether they can find meaningful employment and provide for themselves and their families after transitioning out of military service.

## WHY DO WOUNDED WARRIORS NEED EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

According to a Prudential Financial Inc. study released in 2012, two-thirds of veterans have experienced a difficult transition from military to civilian life. Further, veterans name "finding a job" as the greatest challenge in transitioning, with transferring military skills to a civilian environment a major hurdle.

The NWW Employment and Education Initiative coordinator addresses these issues, helping enrollees, their families and caregivers expand their professional networks, develop new skills and regain confidence.

## HOW CAN WOUNDED WARRIORS REQUEST THIS ASSISTANCE?

NWW enrollees may contact their non-medical care management teams to learn about job and education opportunities, and to begin working directly with an Employment and Education Initiative coordinator at NWW headquarters. Wounded warriors also can email [navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil](mailto:navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil) (they should include their full name, address and telephone number in the message).

## WHAT ASSISTANCE DOES NWW PROVIDE?

NWW works with wounded warriors, their families and caregivers to establish goals and chart a path toward long-term success, whether they hope to return to school or begin a new career. NWW non-medical care management teams collaborate closely with dedicated staff members to provide the following services:

- Building and editing résumés
- Preparing for job interviews
- Providing information about upcoming job fairs
- Providing access to government programs and resources
- Sharing employer contacts
- Applying for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
- Enrolling in higher education and training
- Identifying internship opportunities

## HOW CAN EMPLOYERS HIRE WOUNDED WARRIORS?

NWW advocates nationally for the hiring of wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, publicly sharing information about the advantages of employing veterans and dispelling common myths associated with traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other conditions. It also educates employers about government assistance available to their wounded warrior employees.

NWW can connect employers to wounded warriors looking for jobs, as well as resources to assist with wounded warrior hiring. To contact the Employment and Education Initiative coordinator, email [navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil](mailto:navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil), or visit <http://safeharbor.navalive.dodlive.mil> for more information.



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