

Warrior Care Month: Talking Points

About Warrior Care Month 2013

- This year’s theme, “Warrior Care – Building a Ready and Resilient Force,” emphasizes the Navy’s commitment to the welfare of seriously wounded, ill and injured service members – at bedside, during rehabilitation, and throughout their transition back to active duty or to civilian life.
- Promoting resiliency ensures that wounded warriors can cope with adversity – on the front lines or at home. Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor is part of an extensive catalog of Navy programs that enhance the mental, physical and emotional health of service members. NWW provides the gold standard of non-medical care to wounded warriors and their families, offering resources that promote healing and opportunities for success both within and beyond military service.
- Military treatment facilities are providing expert restorative and rehabilitative care for wounded warriors on the battlefield and beyond. Wounded warrior support programs, like NWW, address their non-medical needs, allowing wounded warriors and their families to focus on recovery without distractions.
- Families and caregivers are a critical source of support for wounded warriors enduring the physical and emotional challenges that accompany recovery. The Navy connects them with critical resources to make their jobs as caregivers more manageable and encourage resiliency. These resources include the SCAADL (Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living) program, FOCUS (Families Overcoming Under Stress), Navy Child and Youth Programs, Military OneSource, and more.
- Through wounded warrior support programs – NWW, Wounded Warrior Regiment, Warrior Transition Command, and Air Force Wounded Warrior Program – we take care of our own.
- Wounded warrior support programs, such as NWW, do not only assist those wounded in combat. They also help those battling serious illnesses or who are injured in accidents – on a ship, in training or on liberty.
- Every month is Warrior Care Month; November is simply an opportunity to join all the other branches of service to publicly recognize wounded warrior heroes. Day in and day out, NWW provides world-class assistance to wounded warriors and their families throughout the country.
- Commitment to our wounded warriors and their families must never waver; our programs and the support we provide must be sustained for the long haul.





About NWW

- NWW is the Navy and Coast Guard’s wounded warrior support program. It provides Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their families a beacon of hope through non-medical support following a serious illness or injury.
- Life-changing illness or injury can strike at any time. NWW is ready to help. Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their families must be made aware that this resource is available should they experience severe health problems.
- Currently, 1,195 Sailors and Coast Guardsmen are enrolled in NWW. The program also provides assistance to an additional 1,102 service members who, though they do not qualify for enrollment, still require support.
- Regional non-medical care providers tailor support to each enrolled service member’s recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration needs. Support can include developing a Comprehensive Recovery Plan; addressing pay and personnel issues; connecting them to family resources; offering adaptive athletic opportunities; linking them to education and training benefits; and more.
- NWW’s goal is to return a Sailor or Coast Guardsman to duty. When that is not possible, the program works collaboratively with federal agencies and local organizations to help them successfully reintegrate into their communities.
- NWW’s support does not conclude at the door of a medical treatment facility or when a wounded warrior’s military career concludes. It offers enrollees a host of services that ease their transition to civilian life and ensure they are cared for throughout their lifetimes.
- Our seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen have sacrificed a great deal for our country and for our way of life. NWW cares, provides and advocates for them, ensuring they lead the fullest lives possible.
- To learn about enrollment, call NWW’s 24/7 toll-free line, 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997), email navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil or visit the program’s website at <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>.



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