

Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor Warrior Care Month 2014 Talking Points

- Warrior Care Month was established in 2008, when former Secretary of Defense Robert F. Gates declared it would be a “Department of Defense effort aimed at increasing awareness of programs and resources available to wounded, ill and injured service members, their families, and those who care for them.”
- This year’s theme, “A Show of Strength,” recognizes the fortitude and resiliency that seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen exhibit during their journey towards recovery.
- Each day, wounded warriors demonstrate strength in ways large and small – from pushing themselves during a grueling physical therapy session, to attending a class to acquire new skills, to asking for help when they need emotional support. Strength is represented in their relentless efforts to improve their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.
- Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and community members also exhibit strength when they help wounded warriors realize their potential. Military treatment facilities are providing expert restorative and rehabilitative care for wounded warriors on the battlefield and beyond. Non-medical care providers at Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor, as well as other fleet and family support programs, address the daily needs of wounded warriors so they can focus on healing without distraction.
- The families and caregivers of wounded warriors exhibit strength through their unyielding support during their loved ones’ recovery and reintegration – often at great personal expense. The Navy connects them with critical resources to make their jobs as caregivers more manageable and encourage resiliency. These resources include FOCUS (Families Overcoming Under Stress), Navy Child and Youth Programs, the Joint Forces Peer-to-Peer program, 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. NWW provides the gold standard of non-medical care to Sailors and Coast Guardsmen and their families, offering resources that promote healing and opportunities for success both within and beyond military service.
- 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.

