

Community Based Warrior Transition Units (CBWTUs)

What is it? The CBWTUs allow a recuperating Soldier to live at home and to access medical facilities near home while remaining on active duty.

The primary mission of the CBWTUs is to provide high quality health care and administrative processing for Reserve Component Soldiers while allowing them to live and perform duties close to their homes and families (they work at an armory or Reserve Center within the confines of their profiles). The CBWTU program currently manages over 2,200 Soldiers. CBWTUs are manned primarily by mobilized Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who provide command and control (C2) for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers undergoing medical treatment in neighborhood healthcare facilities.

At a CBWTU, an experienced nurse case manager manages the Soldier's care. The case manager coordinates healthcare appointments, tracks the Soldier's progress, and ensures that his or her care meets Army and TRICARE standards. Medical care is focused on returning Soldiers to their pre-mobilization health status. If after medical treatment, a Soldier does not meet retention standards, he or she is referred to a series of boards under the Physical Disability Evaluation System. The Physical Evaluation Board has responsibility for determining any service-connected disability.

The CBWTUs are commanded by medical command (MEDCOM). Currently, over 291 ARNG Soldiers are assigned as cadre in support of CBWTUs.

What has the ARNG done? The ARNG has mobilized 291 ARNG Soldiers to staff the CBWTUs.

What continued efforts does the ARNG have planned for the future? The ARNG remains committed to support the medical needs of the Soldier and the family of the deployed Soldier throughout the mobilization cycle.

Why is this important to the Army? Prior to the CBWTU program, injured or ill RC Soldiers who remained on active duty for treatment had to live at an Active Army installation. Not only did the surge overwhelm the installation housing and medical capacity, it kept Soldiers away from their families, units, and civilian employers. The CBWTUs provide command and control, administrative support, medical case management, and medical processing for more than 2,200 Soldiers.