

WHAT IS A RETURNING WARRIOR WORKSHOP AND HOW CAN I ATTEND ONE?

The Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) is a weekend for the Navy to take care of the military personnel who have been deployed in support of combat or combat support operations. This is our chance to celebrate the Service member and their designated representatives' sacrifice and service, educate them about the myriad of resources available, and facilitate growth through the reintegration process. Taking care of our people is one of the Chief of Naval Operation's top three priorities.

The RWW focuses on three major goals:

1. Honoring Warriors for their sacrifice of standing in harm's way to protect our country and its citizens along with honoring their designated representative for supporting the Sailor and keeping the house functioning while the Sailor was away.
2. Raising awareness for the Warrior and designated representative that may be experiencing some difficulty adjusting or reintegrating following their deployment with resources for assessment and referrals.
3. Affords Warriors and designated representative the opportunity to learn about the many resources available to assist families with reintegration into civilian life.

The specific target populations are SELRES and FTS that have completed a mobilization/IA in a combat zone or area in which they were exposed to highly stressful situations.

Warriors (Service Member) who have recently returned from a mobilization or deployment as an individual augmentee are cordially invited to attend a Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) with the guest of their choice. The designated representative is the person that supported the Service Member throughout their deployment. The designated representative may include a spouse, parents, significant other, or family member. The definition of family member has been expanded to include: girlfriend, boyfriend, parent, brother, sister or adult children. Children are not allowed.

The Warrior will attend the RWW on ADT or DTS travel orders. The event is held at a 4 Star hotel away from military bases and every day distractions. Civilian business casual attire is required. The goal is to give loved ones a chance to reconnect. All lodging, meals, conference fees, and miscellaneous expenses are covered at the RWW and include: dinner Friday night, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Warriors are reimbursed for POV travel expenses up to 350 miles from home of record so that one guest may accompany. We are unable to pay for plane tickets.

For more info on this program, contact your chain of command or:

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