OFFICE OF WARRIOR CARE POLICY





The Office of Warrior Care Policy (WCP)

WCP's mission is to proactively support wounded, ill, and injured Service members in their recovery and reintegration or transition to civilian life.

What Is the Office of Warrior Care Policy (WCP)?

Established in 2008 by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 (110-181), WCP's mission is to ensure equitable, consistent, high-quality support and service for wounded, ill, and injured Service members, including, the Active, Guard and Reserve components as well as their families and caregivers, through effective outreach, interagency collaboration, policy, and program oversight. WCP programs, initiatives and resources include:

Integrated Disability Evaluation System

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) combines the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability processes and allows the Departments to simultaneously complete the disability determinations of seriously ill or injured Service members before they separate from military Service. The IDES allows both Departments to provide disability benefits for separating Service members at the earliest point allowed under law.

Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) provides Recovery Care Coordinators to ensure wounded, ill and injured Service members receive the non-medical support they need to create the life they want. Coordinators assist in the development of a comprehensive plan for Service members to identify needs, goals, and resources required to succeed.

Education and Employment Initiative

The Education and Employment Initiative (E2I) is a collaborative effort, led by the DoD with support from Federal agencies and non-Federal entities, to assist wounded, ill, and injured Service member improve their career readiness by identifying skills and abilities to help facilitate transition to a productive and successful post-military service future.

Operation Warfighter

Operation Warfighter (OWF) is a DoD internship program that provides opportunities for wounded, ill, and injured Service members to participate in internships with Federal agencies during their rehabilitation process. These Federal internships allow wounded, ill, and injured Service members to expanded their knowledge, skills, and abilities in preparation for transition or reintegration to military service.

Military Adaptive Sports Program

The Military Adaptive Sport Program (MASP) provides opportunities for all wounded, ill, and injured Service members to participate in adaptive sports and reconditioning activities. Adaptive sports and reconditioning activities are an essential way of understanding what each wounded, ill, and injured Service member is able to achieve–focusing on levels of ability rather than disability.

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living

The Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) program provides monthly compensation for out-patient caregiver support to Service members who have a permanent catastrophic injury or illness, incurred in the line of duty. SCAADL compensates Service members for the dedicated time and assistance caregivers provide at home in lieu of the government providing residential institutional care.

National Resource Directory

The National Resource Directory (NRD) is a website providing access to tens of thousands of services and resources at the Federal, state, and local levels that support recovery, rehabilitation and community integration, for Service members, wounded warriors, veterans, and their families. Resources range from homeless assistance to benefits and compensation to volunteer opportunities.

