



## The National Intrepid Center of Excellence and the Intrepid Spirit Centers

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund has extended its generosity to build nine **Intrepid Spirit** centers across the nation to serve as satellites to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) Directorate and extend the care out to the home bases of the troops suffering from the effects of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and physiological health (PH) issues.

Each Intrepid Spirit center is roughly 25,000 square feet and costs approximately \$11 million to build and equip. While much of the operation at the NICoE Directorate involves research and education about TBI and PH conditions, the Intrepid Spirit centers will focus on diagnosis and treatment. The NICoE interdisciplinary model of care will be delivered at each Intrepid Spirit center, while additional services such as pain management and rehabilitation will also be offered.

### Partnerships

Intrepid Spirit centers network and collaborate with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's NICoE Directorate, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. This collaborations helps provide the most advanced care possible to returning personnel suffering from TBI and PH conditions and ensures the continued care of individual patients as they move through the NICoE to local military facilities and external medical systems. Future synergy among the Intrepid Spirit centers and the NICoE in the area of research may lead to greater understanding of TBI and PH conditions and cultivate best care and treatment practices.

### Locations

The Intrepid Spirit center at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, officially opened on September 11, 2013. This facility supports the interdisciplinary model of care for the full spectrum of mild to severe TBI for those stationed nearby.

The Intrepid Spirit center at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, officially opened on October 2, 2013. The overall mission is to provide TBI education and clinical services to the Camp Lejeune region active duty, reserve, Guard and community populations with integrated health care delivery both on post and in the community.

The Intrepid Spirit center at the Blanchfield Community Hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, opened on September 8, 2014. The center provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care at one location, enabling the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell soldiers the opportunity to heal at home where they are surrounded by a network of support from their families and unit.

The Intrepid Spirit center at the Womack Army Medical Center on Fort Bragg, North Carolina, opened on January 4, 2016.

The Intrepid Spirit center at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Fort Hood, Texas, opened on March 9, 2016.

Groundbreaking for an Intrepid Spirit center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, took place on October 29, 2015. Three additional Intrepid Spirit centers are planned for: Fort Carson, Colorado; Camp Pendleton, California; and Fort Bliss, Texas.

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