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**WARRIOR AND SURVIVOR  
CARE SERVICES**

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This Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) establishes policy for the Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care program. The Air Force will establish standardized procedures for the care of recovering service members in accordance with (IAW) Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction (DoDI) 1300.24, *Recovery Coordination Program* and DoDI 6010.24, *Interagency Complex Care Coordination*. This directive applies to the active component, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. In collaboration with the Chief of Air Force Reserve and the Director of the Air National Guard, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services (AF/A1) develops policy for Warrior and Survivor Care Services. The authorities to waive wing/unit level requirements in this publication are identified with a Tier ("T-0, T-1, T-2, T-3") number following the compliance statement. See AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*, for a description of the authorities associated with the Tier numbers. Submit requests for waivers through the chain of command to the appropriate Tier waiver approval authority, or alternately, to the Publication OPR for non-tiered compliance items. Refer recommended changes to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained IAW Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of IAW the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) in the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS).

## ***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This directive is changed to update the combination of the Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) and the Air Force Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) into a single program supporting all wounded, ill and injured who require a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) or Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) to determine fitness for duty and will require long-term care. This directive also outlines the requirement to meet the provisions of applicable DoDI regarding coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**1. Overview.** Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care encompasses all non-clinical support to seriously wounded, ill and injured Airmen and their families. Note: In this directive, a “member” is considered any enlisted member or officer on active duty or Air Force Reserve Component member, as well as any Air Force civilian employee, who becomes wounded, ill or is injured in a duty status. Official “line of duty” determinations will be made for entitlement purposes.

### **2. Policy.**

2.1. Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care shall include the Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) program, executing the DoD required Recovery Coordination Program (RCP). **(T-0)**

2.1.1. There shall be an Air Force RCP for wounded, ill and injured Airmen to ensure support to affected Air Force members and their families through recovery, rehabilitation, reintegration and where necessary to assist Air Force members’ transition for separation from the Air Force. **(T-0)**

2.1.2. There shall be supporting programs as directed by public law and/or included in DoDIs that support physical, psychological, social and familial rehabilitation. **(T-0)**

2.1.3. There shall be guidance specific to meeting the coordination requirements agreed upon between the DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs in supporting a seamless handoff and transition of wounded, ill and injured Airmen and their families between the Departments. **(T-0)**

2.2. Except in cases of overriding public interest, releasable information regarding the death or combat or non-combat related injury or illness of an Airman will not be provided to the public or Congress before the member’s next of kin or a designated family representative has been officially notified. **(T-0)**

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities.**

3.1. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1).

3.1.1. Serves as focal point for all Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care programs, bringing together key staff agencies and field activities to provide immediate information and assistance to wounded Air Force members, field commanders, and Air Force senior leadership.

3.1.2. Provides implementing guidance and procedures for the Air Force Warrior and Survivor Care programs identified in 2.1.

3.1.3. Serves as the sole reporting authority for the Recovery Coordination Program.

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## Attachment 1

### GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### *References*

DoDI 1300.24, *Recovery Coordination Program*, 1 December 2009

DoDI 6010.24, *Interagency Complex Care Coordination*, 14 May 2015

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

#### *Adopted Forms*

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

#### *Abbreviations and Acronyms*

**AFMAN**—Air Force Manual

**AFPD**—Air Force Policy Directive

**AFW2**—Air Force Wounded Warrior

**DoD**—Department of Defense

**DoDI**—Department of Defense Instruction

**IAW**—In Accordance With

**MEB**—Medical Evaluation Board

**OPR**—Office of Primary Responsibility

**PEB**—Physical Evaluation Board

**RCP**—Recovery Coordination Program

**US**—United States

#### *Terms*

**Air Force Wounded Warrior**—Any seriously or very seriously ill or injured member on active duty; Air National Guard and AF Reserve personnel on any military status, regardless of the circumstances that led to the illness or injury, will be classified as an Air Force Wounded Warrior when they meet program enrollment criteria. Combat wounded Airmen not returned to duty are automatically enrolled.

**Military Personnel**—All Air Force members on active duty; Air National Guard and AF Reserve personnel on any military status; United States (US) Air Force Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corp cadets when engaged in directed training activities; members of other US Military Services serving on extended active duty with the Air Force; and foreign national military personnel assigned to the US Air Force. Air Force members serving on extended active duty with another DoD component are excluded from this definition.

**Recovery Coordination Program**—Program designed to address reforms to existing care managements processes within the DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).