

Medical Section

While the Wounded Warrior Regiment's (WWR) care is focused on non-medical support, every service member assisted by the WWR is recovering from a wound, illness, or injury, some of which cannot be seen. Successful recovery requires both medical and non-medical support and advocacy. The medical section is a component of WWR that provides medical subject matter expertise, advocacy, and liaison to the medical community. Medical section collaboration includes, but is not limited to, Veterans Affairs (VA) health care centers, military treatment facilities, civilian and community medical providers as well as academic universities and non-profit agencies.

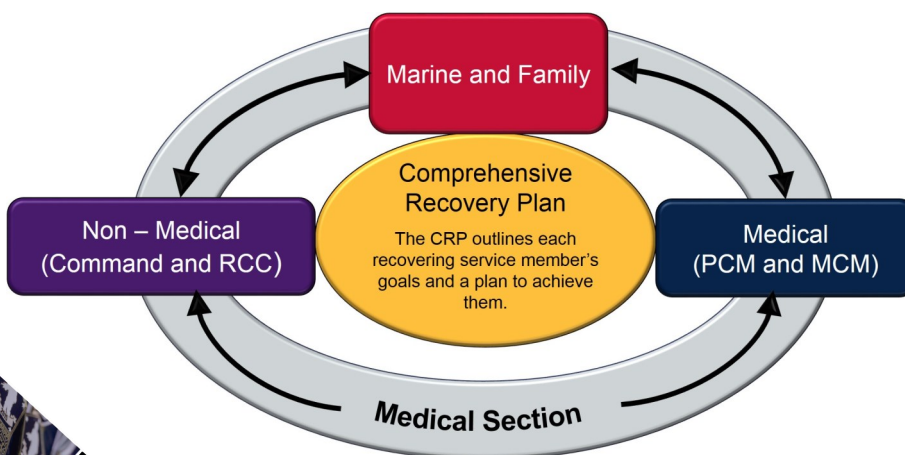
Applies to any wounded, ill or injured (WII) Marine or Sailor, active duty, retired, or veteran who needs assistance with medical advocacy, education, or coordination.

What does the Medical Section do?

The medical section provides medical and mental health expertise to bridge the gap between medical and non-medical care. The medical section clinical personnel are knowledgeable, licensed professionals who advocate for recovering service members (RSMs) and their families. They collaborate with medical and non-medical team members during recovery. If gaps are identified, medical section personnel coordinate and identify resources to optimize the RSM's medical and psychological health care.

Bridging the Gap

Medical section personnel act as links between RSMs their families, the command, and the medical community.



Medical Section Staff:

- Regimental Surgeon
- Deputy Regimental Surgeon
- Mental Health Advisor
- Regimental Nurse
- Psychological Health Advisor
- Nurse Care Manager
- Care Management Monitor
- Clinical Care Advocates

Related Fact Sheets

- Care Team
- Recovery Care Coordinator
- Reserve Medical Entitlement Determination

Wounded Warrior Call Center 24/7—1.877.487.6299

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The medical section provides advocacy, education, and coordination support.

Advocacy:

- Supports a comprehensive psychological health program to help every RSM receive the best prevention, identification and treatment.
- Advocates for RSMs within the DoD/VA Health Care System to ensure rapid access to care and proper screening. Coordinates care through multiple contacts in civilian, military and veteran medical facilities, and charitable organizations.
- Screens RSMs for possible inclusion in research studies, including complementary and alternative treatment options.

Education:

- Provides education and resources so that RSMs and their families can address concerns related to relationship stress, memory loss, sleep problems, anxiety and depression.
- Assists commands and WWR staff by evaluating the needs of RSMs and answering questions about medical symptoms and diagnoses.
- Provides instruction on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), depression, substance use and their impact on post-deployment adjustment and family relationships.

Coordination:

- Coordinates with medical providers, community counselors, case managers, multi-disciplinary teams, district injured support coordinators, field support representatives, and recovery care coordinators.
- Assists with transfers between medical treatment facilities to ensure continuity of care.
- Collaborates with civilian organizations that provide treatment programs for PTSD/substance use disorder and TBI rehabilitation and reintegration.
- Works with military treatment facilities and VA hospitals/clinics by connecting RSMs to case managers and VA personnel for screening and treatment.

Useful Resources

Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health & TBI	www.dcoe.health.mil
Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center	www.dvbic.dcoe.mil
National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	www.ptsd.va.gov
The Military Health System	https://health.mil
The National Resource Directory	https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov
TRICARE Online Patient Portal	https://tricareonline.com
Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year	www.veteranscrisisline.net/ Call: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Text: 838255