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The Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) is starting 2015 poised for attack. We are planning future endeavors and improvements having taken stock of what is behind us. Sometimes, the greatest value in a new year is the ability to start again, and commit to make the months ahead even better. Through internal survey efforts, a renewed dedication to ensuring success in each of the lines of operation- mind, body, spirit, and family- and a staff of overwhelming talent, the WWR has its direction and is ready to raise the bar for wounded warrior care. With the passing of every quarter, I have the opportunity to review the progress of the WWR. I consider it essential that we understand, with



great clarity, where we succeed and where we struggle. This honest assessment serves as both a pat on the back and a kick in the tail. These are Marines and families who have sacrificed for the nation; we owe them our everything, each and every day.

This week, the WWR will release its strategic plan for 2015-2016. The plan evolved through a simple process: ask the Marines, families, and staff what needs improvement; then, develop the objectives that will achieve those goals. Our plan is not complicated, nor is it profound. The WWR Marines and staff will focus their energy on increasing successful recovery and transition for WII Marines and support for caregivers and families. The New Year causes me to take stock personally, as well. In 2015, I am again honored and grateful to be working with and for the amazing Marines, sailors, and civilians in the WWR. This unit remains in the fight, 365 days of the year, serving the nation and its finest warriors.

Semper Fi.

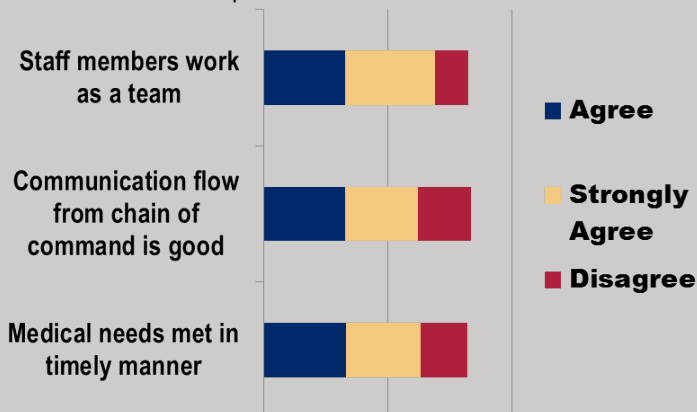
The Marine Corps Trials...

for 2015 are coming soon! A Paralympic style invitation hosted at Camp Pendleton from March 1-12 which will highlight the abilities of 300 wounded, ill, and injured Marines and Marine Veterans as well as wounded warriors from nine other countries in events ranging from swimming and archery to track and field. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information!



Annual Care Coordination

Through the 2014 Care Coordination Survey conducted October-November of 2014, the WWR identified the following areas in need of improvement:



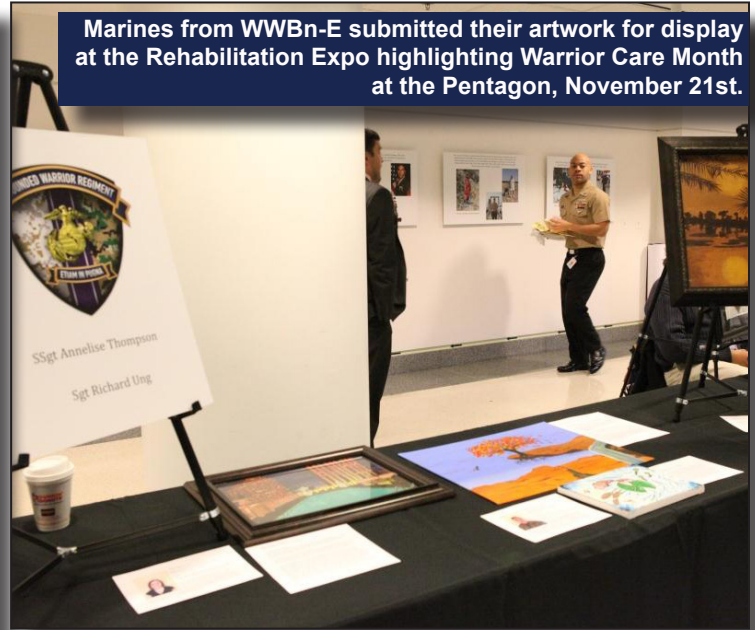
The survey was conducted on-site with 338 joined/TAD Marines. Camp Lejeune provided 50% of the those surveyed, therefore the majority of the findings will shift heavily to their mindset/opinions.

Quarterly Update

Warrior Care Month



The All Marine Team, made up of active duty and Veterans, took home first place during the Joint Service Volleyball Tournament at the Pentagon, November 21st.



Marines from WWBn-E submitted their artwork for display at the Rehabilitation Expo highlighting Warrior Care Month at the Pentagon, November 21st.

In 2008, the Department of Defense dedicated November as Warrior Care month. This year the Office of Warrior Care Policy hosted a Joint Service Sitting Volleyball Tournament and Rehabilitation Expo at the Pentagon on November 21st in appreciation of our wounded, ill, and injured service members. As in years past, the Marines brought home the championship trophy at the tournament and two of our Marines from WWBn-East submitted artwork for the Rehabilitation Expo. This year's events celebrated the different methods of recovery through physical, mental, and spiritual strengths. To learn more, go to www.defense.gov/warriorcaremonth.

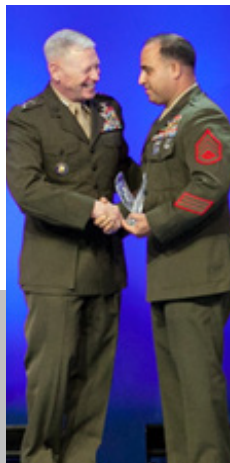
Sgt. Ivan Sears received National Disability Award and named Marine Athlete of the Year

On October 30, 2014, Sgt. Ivan Sears from WWBn-E, SAMMC Detachment, was awarded the DoD National Disability Award for the Marine Corps. This award highlights the accomplishments and abilities of employees and Service members with disabilities who have made significant contributions and best demonstrate the core values of their respective organizations. In addition, Sgt. Sears was most recently selected as the 2014 Marine Male Athlete of the Year.



Staff Sgt. Adel Abudayeh receives award from JINSA

On November 17, 2014, Staff Sgt. Adel Abudayeh from WWBn-East received the Grateful Nation Award from the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. Staff Sgt. Abudayeh was honored for his superior service to our country during his 13 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.



Staff Sgt. Adel Abudayeh receives the Grateful Nation Award from Lt.Gen. Kenneth J. Gleuk who currently serves as DC, Combat Development and Integration and the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

WWR By the Numbers

Incident Type: Joined and External Population

