



# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

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## 2015 Marine Corps Trials

Last month, the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) held our annual Marine Corps Trials at Camp Pendleton, CA. More than 250 wounded, ill, and injured Marines, veterans, and international athletes competed in the competition. International teams came from Australia, Colombia, France, Georgia, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. The Marine Corps Trials are a chance for these warriors to come together and focus on their abilities, not their disabilities.



*Gold, silver, and bronze Wheelchair Basketball recipients from the 2015 Marine Corps Trials. In red, Wounded Warrior Battalion-East; in yellow, Marine Veterans; in blue, Wounded Warrior Battalion-West.*

For photos, videos, and stories, visit the WWR on DVIDS and our Facebook page.



DVIDS

<https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/MCWWR>



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/wwr.usmc>

## CO's SITREP

**Col. Scott D. Campbell**

Marines, Sailors, civilians, colleagues and friends of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, I am extremely pleased to address you as the WWR embarks on yet another remarkable challenge: hosting the Department of Defense Warrior Games. The Games will be held here at Marine Corps Base Quantico this June, and the planning and preparation is well underway—I expect the experience gained from the Marine Corps Trials will enable a highly successful event. We hope all of you will join us to celebrate the accomplishments of these motivated servicemembers as they prove their illnesses and injuries are not limitations.

The work of the WWR extends far beyond the physical training highlighted through the Warrior Games. I invite each of you to become involved in the efforts to assist wounded, ill, and injured Marines find productive methods of coping, meaningful employment, positive family connections, and renewed confidence in spite of the challenges they face. The leaders and staff of the WWR work daily to facilitate growth in all these capacities, and I am grateful to be a part of that effort.

Semper Fidelis.



## 2015 DOD Warrior Games

It's official! Marine Corps Base Quantico will host the first ever DoD led Warrior Games from June 18-29, 2015.

The Warrior Games are a Paralympic style sporting event where teams from the Army, Air Force, Navy/Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Special Operations Command, and British Armed Forces will compete against each other in eight different sports. The DoD Warrior Games embody the spirit of the recovering wounded warriors and are a testament to their strength, personal courage, and inspirational attitude. For more information, please visit:

[www.defense.gov/warriorgames](http://www.defense.gov/warriorgames)

Quarterly Update

# 4th Annual Wounded Warrior Leadership Awards Dinner

The Marine Corps Association & Foundation (MCA&F) held the 4th Wounded Warrior Leadership Awards ceremony on March 28, 2015 at the Omni Providence Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. The event provided the WWR and the MCA&F with the opportunity to recognize key leaders and caregivers who assisted our wounded, ill, and injured Marines in 2014.



## Wounded Warrior Leadership Awards

(L-R) MajGen Edward Usher (Ret), MajGen Michael Regner, Mr. James Bartleme, SSgt Jeremy Lake, Col Scott Campbell, and SgtMaj Michael Mack

# WWR By The Numbers

## Incident Type

Joined and External Population  
Total Number = 880

**68 %** Ill/Injured Outside Combat Zone  
Types of illness and injuries include auto accidents and cancer

**12 %** Ill/Injured In Combat Zone  
Types of illness and injuries include post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), training accident

**20 %** Combat Wounded  
Types of injuries include traumatic brain injury (TBI), gun shot wounds, and burns

Source: (MCTFS)

# Legislative Updates

**Feb 2015**

WWR Command Advisor, Mr. Paul Williamson, testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel on the state of the WWR and future needs of wounded, ill, and injured Marines.

WWR Command Advisor presented briefs on the status and challenges of the WWR to the House Armed Services Committee professional staff and to the Senate Armed Services Committee staff along with other Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) leaders.

# Pending Legislation

**S 469**

Provides fertility treatments, cryopreservation of gametes, and adoption support to severely wounded, ill, or injured service members and their partners (Introduced)

**HR 356**

Directs the Sec VA to develop and publish a plan for improving the Vocational Rehabilitation program; including providing reasons why more veterans GI Bill benefits use is more prevalent (Introduced)

**HR 577**

Directs the Sec VA to use authority granted under 38 U.S.C. Section 1701 to authorize non-department medical care to veterans more than 40 miles from a VA medical facility (Introduced)

**May 20**

## Department of the Navy's Annual Wounded Warrior & Veteran Hiring and Support Conference, San Antonio, TX.

The Department of the Navy and the USO invite job seekers and leaders in business, industry, and government to an important career fair for our Wounded Warriors and veterans. Held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade at 1000.

No cost to participate in this event.

Register at [www.HireAVet.navy.mil](http://www.HireAVet.navy.mil)

**Jun 10**

## Royal Marines Rehabilitation Triathlon 2015

A triathlon comprised of a swim, bike and row across two distances. The RMRT 2015 is open to all wounded, injured and sick, serving and veteran Royal Marines with invitations to allied nations and Tri service veterans.

Held at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines (CTCRM) based at Lymington in Devon, United Kingdom.