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2015 DoD Warrior Games

The Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) and the United States Marine Corps hosted the 2015 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games at Quantico June 19-28. The games featured eight sporting events with 250 wounded, ill, or injured (WII) athletes representing the Marine Corps, Army, Navy/Coast Guard, Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command, and the British Armed Forces. The Warrior Games promote resiliency and warrior spirit through adaptive sports, which play a fundamental role in the recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration of our service members and veterans.

The games are part of the WWR warrior athlete reconditioning program, which provides WII Marines the opportunity to engage in activities outside of the traditional therapy setting to improve overall physical and mental fitness. The DoD created the Military Adaptive Sports Program in 2011 to enhance warrior recovery. Since its inception, the program has assisted more than 158,000 WII service members at 325 structured camps and clinics. The Marine team took home 47 gold medals, 37 silver, and 21 bronze for a total of 105 medals and 96 chairman's cup points, earning them silver overall.



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



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



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

CO's SITREP

Col. Scott D. Campbell

Another quarter has sped by us here at the WWR with Marines and staff actively engaged in many exciting events. The USMC WWR led the planning and support of the 2015 DoD Warrior Games, which was a resounding success. After only a few weeks, the WWR team was back at the grind, working to develop plans to more effectively and efficiently operate in the future.

Change is a constant in life; we can learn that from the lives and perseverance of the wounded, ill, and injured Marines and families we support. Thankfully there are fewer casualties in the last five years; however, there are also fewer resources available for all military priorities.

To address the need for change, the WWR conducted a week-long planning session and considered what is critically needed to ensure care coordination and support for Marines and families. This remains our number one priority: taking care of Marines and their families. The Marines, Sailors, and civilians of the WWR will never lose sight of their mission: to ensure those needing their support are able to continue their mission. I know this team, and I know they will not fail. Semper Fidelis.

Quarterly Update

The Way Ahead

The staff of the WWR spent a week conducting an operational planning meeting in order to determine how best to serve the wounded, ill, and injured Marines and families of the Marine Corps in a future of limited resources.

Recommendations

WWR leaders identified several means through which the command could increase efficiencies without reducing support to Marines and families. The team also constructed a plan for staffing that would save the Marine Corps operational funds.

Moving Forward

After the conclusion of the planning meeting, the WWR presented findings to the commanding generals of Marine and Family Programs, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Policy and Legislative Events

Marine Forces Command Leadership

Lieutenant General Robert Neller was confirmed as the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps August 6, 2015. The WWR is preparing to brief the new commandant early in September to discuss the future of the regiment.

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Nomination

The 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Joseph Dunford, was nominated by President Obama to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Senate confirmed Gen. Dunford on July 29, 2015.

DoD / VA Coordination

The Interagency Care Coordination Committee has worked to develop and implement the Lead Coordinator program and institute training for all DoD and VA employees who will serve in this capacity. The trainings kicked off this summer and are underway around the country. Lead Coordinators will help to execute the DoD / VA goal of ensuring servicemembers with complicated medical needs transition smoothly from military treatment to the VA system.

Change of Command

The Wounded Warrior Battalion - East, located aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., changed command June 4. Lt. Col. Leland Suttie relinquished command of the battalion, responsible for coordination of non-medical care for wounded, ill, or injured Marines east of the Mississippi and in Germany, to Lt. Col. John Kelley.



WWR By The Numbers

Incident Type
Joined and External Population

73% Ill/Injured Outside Combat Zone
Including auto accidents and cancer

9% Ill/Injured In Combat Zone
Including post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and training accidents

18% Combat Wounded
Including traumatic brain injury (TBI), gun shot wounds, and burns

Source: (MCTFS)

Upcoming Events



The WWR detachment at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center will change command Sept. 18. Lt. Col. Jennifer Anthis will turn over the detachment to Lt. Col. John Berrigan.



September 18 marks the United States Air Force's 68th birthday. Celebrate our nation's youngest service and recognize the dedicated men and women who serve today and since its inception.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE (7233)



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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<http://www.usmc-mcca.org/>