

Warrior Care and Transition

The past nine years have been a time of significant investment in the development of the Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP). The Army Medical Action Plan was established in 2007 and the Warrior Transition Command (WTC) stood up in 2009 as the Army's proponent for the WCTP. In 2016, the WTC transitioned to the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), Deputy Chief of Staff for Warrior Care and Transition (DCS, WCT).

The WCT's mission is to provide centralized oversight, guidance, and advocacy, empowering wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and Families through a comprehensive transition plan for successful reintegration back into the force or into Veteran status with dignity, respect, and self-determination. The WCTP's top priority is the welfare of Soldiers and their Families through commitment to the best care and treatment of wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers and commitment to education, training and careers.

Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) were developed in 2007 in order to provide better care and management to wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers and their Families. Soldiers assigned to WTUs include active duty Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management and Army Reserve Component Soldiers who require definitive medical care.



The Army recognizes warrior care as an enduring mission. WCT has the following core warrior care competencies:

- Acts as the overall proponent for the U.S. Army's Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP)
- Evaluates and standardizes Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) policies and procedures
- Supports wounded, ill and injured Soldiers throughout their Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP)
- Assists wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and Veterans with career and education opportunities
- Ensures execution of warrior care programs, including the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2), for the MEDCOM commander
- Coordinates with the U.S. Department of Army staff, Congress, and other services and departments on warrior care matters

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While WTUs resemble a traditional Army unit, their singular mission is to provide comprehensive outpatient management that allows Soldiers to successfully heal and transition.

Within the WTUs, Soldiers receive personalized support from a Triad of Care that includes a Nurse Case Manager (NCM), a Squad Leader (SL), and a Primary Care Manager (PCM). The Triad of Care coordinates clinical and non-clinical issues to successfully transition Soldiers and their Families either back to the force or back to Civilian life. Since inception, WTUs have helped more than 71,500 Soldiers to heal and transition and returned more than 30,800 Soldiers back to the force.

Today, the Army's WCTP consists of 14 Warrior Transition Units on Army installations throughout the United States. Currently, 9 installations have Community Care Units (CCUs), allowing Soldiers with non-complex medical cases to heal in their home communities with the support of their Families and Caregivers. As the WCTP moves forward, it will continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of its population as well as the Army. Warrior care remains an Army priority and a sacred obligation.

WCT also oversees the Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). AW2 assists and advocates for the Army's most severely wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families wherever they are located, regardless of their military status. Soldiers who qualify for AW2 are assigned to the program as soon as possible after arriving at the Warrior Transition Unit. Through the local support of AW2 Advocates, AW2 strives to foster the Soldier's independence. There are more than 17,000 Soldiers and Veterans currently in AW2.

BY THE NUMBERS

* **2,100 Soldiers currently recovering at 14 WTUs and 12 CCUs**

◇ **Active Duty: 57 percent**

◇ **National Guard: 20 percent**

◇ **Reserve: 23 percent**

* **Soldiers supported by WCTP since 2007: more than 72,000**

* **Soldiers returned to the force: 42 percent**

* **More than 1,900 professional military and civilian Cadre**

* **Soldiers in WTUs who have deployed to theater at some point in their careers: 64 percent**

Numbers are approximations and based on the current population as of November 2016

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