



## Wounded, Ill, and Injured Warrior Transition in the NCR

Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC closed in August and the Warrior Transition Brigade at WRAMC moved to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. and Fort Belvoir. All Wounded, Ill and Injured Warriors who were located at WRAMC transitioned to other Military Treatment Facilities including WRNMMC

and the new Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Fort Belvoir, Va. Both WRNMMC and FBCH opened in August. These medical facilities in the National Capital Region operate as one Integrated Delivery System. Medical requirements are the primary factor in determining whether WII Warriors— inpatient and outpatient—are assigned to WRNMMC or

FBCH. Warriors who do not require the medical capabilities in the NCR may be transitioned to locations closer to their home unit. The ultimate goal is to provide patient/family-centered care that best supports the healing of the Warrior using state-of-the-art technology and evidence-based design principles.

## Integrated Warrior Care in the NCR

The journey from theatre to stateside care is only the beginning of a long road of recovery for returning Wounded, ill, and Injured Warriors who are often facing extensive care and rehabilitation for life-changing physical, psychological, and cognitive injuries. As an Integrated Delivery System, capabilities in the National Capital Region will meet the holistic needs—physical, mental, and spiritual—of WII Warriors and their Families.

Integrated care in the NCR means that WII Warriors and their Families will benefit from three separate support activities while at the same location. These include their specific Service, and the installation/base, and the Military Treatment Facility where they are located. Each Service has a footprint and/or representatives on both the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital

campuses and Services maintain Command and Control of their specific Warriors. Integrated services, available to all WII Warriors, include medical, non-medical and administrative services (i.e., dining, lodging, child care, Family Assistance Centers), the dedicated WII Warrior clinic, and the WII Warrior Family Coordination Cell.

WII Warriors are sent to the appropriate MTF based on their medical needs. While receiving treatment in the NCR, WII Warriors may be transitioned from inpatient to

outpatient and vice versa to continually accommodate their medical needs.



**MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Integrated Wounded, Ill and Injured Warrior care in the National Capital Region with support from the Services, the Installation and the Military Treatment Facility.



Construction photo of the new Warrior Complex at FBCH taken in January. (Photo by FBCH.)



The Wounded Warrior Complex at WRNMMC in Bethesda, Md. in July 2011. (Photo by JTF CapMed.)

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## World-Class Facilities for WII Warriors and Families

New on-campus lodging for Wounded, Ill, and Injured Warriors at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital increased the region's current capacity. These complexes support WII Warriors needing long-term outpatient treatment in an environment conducive to healing. These designs accommodate WII Warriors and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On the Bethesda campus, a 295,000 square foot WII Warrior complex opened in August with 153 two-bedroom suites (a total of 306 beds). These suites, with private baths and closets, include dedicated living areas, kitchenettes, and laundry facilities allowing WII Warriors to transition to a more home-like environment, and practice skills required for activities of daily living.

On the Fort Belvoir campus, a 240,000 square foot complex dedicated to WII Warriors opened in August. Like the complex at WRNMMC, this also supports those needing long-term outpatient medical treatment. This added 144 two-bedroom suites (a total of 288 beds). WII Warriors transitioned from WRAMC to their new facilities in late August.

### THE NATIONAL INTREPID CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

The National Intrepid Center of Excellence, located on the Bethesda campus, is an advanced facility dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment of military personnel and veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and/or complex psychological health issues. NICoE is designed to provide advanced diagnostics, initial treatment plan and family education, introduction to therapeutic modalities, referral and reintegration support. Further, the NICoE conducts research, tests new protocols and provides comprehensive training and education to patients, providers and families while maintaining ongoing telehealth follow-up care across the country and throughout the world.



View of the new NICoE facility which opened in Bethesda in June 2010. (Photo by NICoE)



The NICoE's lobby design demonstrates how this facility creates a holistic healing environment for Warriors. (Photo by NICoE)

Clockwise: Bedroom, bathroom and kitchen of a model room in the new Wounded, Ill and Injured Warrior Complex at WRNMMC in Bethesda, Md. The suites are Americans with Disabilities Act—compliant and are designed to help WII Warriors assimilate to activities of daily living . These suites have two bedrooms which allow for a family member or non-medical attendant to stay with the WII Warrior during recovery. (Photos by Navy Medicine National Capital Area and NSA Bethesda)



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