

Team Army Medicine:

LTG Dingle and I are pleased to announce the winner of the Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award for the 1QFY20, the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) Warrior Care and Transition Team, National Capital Region, Arlington, VA.

The Team of 50 Army Active Duty military and Department of the Army Civilians as a result of a comprehensive review developed a plan to redesign the Warrior Care and Transition Program, rebranding the program as the Army Recovery Care Program (ARCP). The team's exceptional contributions resulted in updated policies and procedures simplifying entry criteria, streamlined processes and focused resources fostering an environment at the unit level that will serve individual Soldiers' unique needs.

In response to the Army Senior Leader (ASL) guidance, the Warrior Care and Transition team conducted a comprehensive review of the program to identify efficiencies and optimize the program. The team conducted an in-depth analysis that led to an informed decision by ASLs. Through the team's achievements, Army directives, executable orders and strategic communications were released and published. Courses of action articulated potential efficiencies while ensuring the program safeguards the health, humanity, dignity, and respect of our Wounded, Ill, and Injured (WII) Soldiers. The restructure included Warrior Transition Units, rebranded as Soldier Recovery Units. Initial Operational Capability is scheduled for March 2020 with Full Operational Capability established by August 2020. The restructured ARCP results in total savings of \$140M over the FY 21-25 period and focuses resources on WII Soldiers with the most complex needs.

The 18-month planning effort significantly redesigned the premier military service program for the management of seriously WII Service Members. LTG Charles Flynn, HQDA G-3/5/7, described this event as a "Herculean effort." The team delivered a final plan that met ASL approval, restructuring the program for the years to come. This is due to the effective teamwork, expertise and extensive collaboration between the WCT Staff, and HQDA G3/5/7, OTSG/ MEDCOM leadership and staff, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve. Other key stakeholders included clinical and non-clinical subject matter experts in medical case management, behavioral health, physical and occupational therapy, transition services, and Veterans Affairs.

Please join us in congratulating the Warrior Care and Transition Team. Their efforts and achievements epitomize the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine. The exceptional teamwork and dedication displayed by this dynamic team epitomize the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine.

Congratulations team!

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