

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LOCATOR

Please use these resources to get connected to adaptive sports opportunities in your communities.

AFW2 Community Calendar

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/>

US Office of Warrior Care policy

<http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/>

[carecoordination/masp/](http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/carecoordination/masp/)

U.S. Paralympics

<http://findaclub.usparalympics.org>

VA Adaptive Sports Program

<http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/>

[va_clubFinder.asp](http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/va_clubFinder.asp)

Disabled Sports USA

<http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/>

[location-map/](http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/location-map/)



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Adaptive Sports &
Resiliency Program



“The Difference Between the Impossible
and the Possible Lies in a Person’s
Determination” - Tommy Lasorda

ADAPTIVE SPORTS & RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

MISSION:

The mission of the Adaptive Sports and Resiliency Program (ASRP) is to connect Airmen to, and integrate sustained participation in introductory and competitive adaptive sports, community based resiliency programs

The following sports are offered at Air Force Wounded Warrior CARE Events:

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES:

Archery - Compound and Recurve

Shooting - Air Rifle & Air Pistol

Cycling - Upright, Hand, & Recumbent

Track/Wheelchair Racing - 100, 200, 1500m

Field - Seated/Standing Shot-put & Discus

Swimming - 50 free, 50 back & 100 m free

Rowing - 1 minute & 4 minute

Powerlifting - by weight class, 3 attempts

Strength & Conditioning/Restorative Care

TEAM SPORTS:

Wheelchair Basketball

Sitting Volleyball

Track & Swimming Relay

Wheelchair Rugby



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What sports should I try?

Try a new sport...or three! We have many stories in which an Airman tried it, liked it, and found a sport they wanted to use in their recovery.

How much does it cost?

All participants travel, lodging, & meals for any CARE event will be funded or coordinated by the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program.

What equipment is required?

AWF2 will provide all equipment such as basketball wheelchairs, archery bows, air rifles, air pistols & throwing implements at each CARE event.

Will there be coaches to help me train?

Yes, coaches are there to support & guide you within each sport. Coaches consist of elite level coaches and Paralympians.

Do I need medical clearance?

Yes, all athletes need a current medical clearance signed by a physician or physician's assistant (PA).

RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

These programs will surround you with other Airmen looking for a non-sport approach to recovery. At CARE Events, Airmen have the opportunity to participate in the following workshops:

- Music Workshop - Rock to Recovery
- Art Workshop - Painting with a Purpose
- Writing Workshop - Writing in Recovery
- Essential Oils—Aroma workshop

These workshops are for you regardless of training, background, injury or illness. The instructors have served thousands of Air Force wounded, ill and injured.

Talk to your RCC, Non Medical Care Manager or AFW2 Staff member about attending the next CARE Event. To check upcoming dates, please visit:

www.woundedwarrior.af.mil



HOW TO REQUEST AN AMBASSADOR

Ambassadors are vital support to effective AFW2 outreach. Ambassador can support outreach such as:

- MAJCOM Squadron CC/CCC Course
- Wing/Group/Squadron Stand Ups
- Group or Squadron Conferences
- CGOC Meetings
- SNCO/NCO Leadership courses
- Air Guard and Reserve Component
- Air Force Professional Organizations
- Maxwell School House Courses
- Ambassadors Speak Event
- Base Newcomer Briefs
- ALS
- FTAC

To request an Ambassador Outreach at your base, please contact your nearest Recovery Care Coordinator or send your Ambassador request to:

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Ambassador Program



"By telling stories, you objectify your own experience. You separate it from yourself. You pin down certain truths." - Tim O'Brien

AMBASSADOR WORKSHOP

Mission:

The mission of the AFW2 Ambassador Workshop is to develop our Airmen's personal testimonies of recovery and resilience to educate the Air Force and enhance awareness of AFW2 services

Vision:

For each AFW2 outreach to include Ambassador testimonies of resiliency in recovery and for every Airmen in our Air Force to have fundamental knowledge of AFW2 services.

Why tell your story?

Being able to find words to your experiences in recovery allow you to begin the next chapter in your life and recovery. Join a workshop made up of other Warriors ready to begin telling their story of resiliency.



RESILIENCY, RECOVERY, RESURGENCE



What is an Ambassador Workshop?

The Ambassador Workshop main goal is to help you find words for your experiences. Each workshop is made up of diverse wounded, ill, and injured Airmen with different experiences. After the workshop, Ambassadors have opportunities to share their experience in recovery with a broad spectrum of Air Force audiences.

How to attend a workshop?

If you are interested in attending an Ambassador workshop, please talk with your RCC/Non Medical Care Manager or AFW2 Staff member about the next workshop date. You can also check for dates at:

www.woundedwarrior.af.mil



WORKSHOP CURRICULUM

Ambassador Workshop facilitators and Warriors cover the following:

- Finding a "thesis" in recovery
- Best practices in verbal/non verbal communication
- Shaping stories of recovery
- Planning, practicing and engaging in public speaking practices
- Knowing the audience
- AFW2 Program overview
- Peer feedback
- Speaking opportunities at Ambassadors Speak events
- Ambassadors in Action plan
- Ambassador Workshop survey
- Evening opportunities for Resiliency Programs such as music, comedy and art workshops
- Exposure to other AFW2 support programs



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Air Force Wounded Warrior

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/>
1-800-581-9437

VA Caregiver Support:

<http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>
1-855-260-3274

Military Health System and the Defense Health Agency (Caregiver or Family Member)

[http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiver-
resources/](http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiver-resources/)

National Resource Directory

<https://nrd.gov/>

Military OneSource

Warrior Resource Call Center
1-800-342-9647

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-TALK (8255) Press 1

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Caregiver Closed Facebook Group:

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/580603568666116/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/580603568666116/)



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Caregiver Support Program



*"What happens to a person is less
significant than what happens within a
person"*

- Caregiver Mentor

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

MISSION

Deliver personalized support and services to caregivers as an integral part of their wounded, ill and injured Airman's recovery and rehabilitation plan.

VISION

Improve caregiver and family quality of life by connecting them with resources, resiliency tools, and other caregivers who provide comfort and support by sharing their own experiences.



WHO ARE CAREGIVERS?

A caregiver is a family member, friend, or acquaintance who provides a broad range of care and assistance or manages the care of a current or former military service member with a disabling physical or mental injury or illness.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

The Air Force Wounded Warrior Caregiver Support Program works directly with the Recovery Care Team, Peer Support Coordinators, Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program, and Airman and Family Readiness Center staff to ensure support services are provided based on individual and family needs.

Through support and the sharing of hope, love, and encouragement, we come together as a family to promote healthy attitudes and embrace the emotional challenges that come with caregiving.

"The Caregiver Program also gives me the opportunity to talk with other caregivers who, like me, are taking care of their loved ones. We are able to give each other support and encouragement, get training, and participate in activities focused on us."

- Caregiver

"The Caregiver Program is my lifeline to combat caregiver fatigue. This program has taught me tools that I can use to help lessen the stress that I undertake each and every day caring for my husband."

- Caregiver

NEVER ALONE

Through a variety of venues, our caregivers learn skills to help positively affect their environments. Caregivers learn to enlist the help of other family members and friends, how to enjoy personal time away from a loved one without guilt, and learn about the multitude of resources and assistance available.

TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

- PEER (Personalized, Experiences, Engagement, & Resources) Forum Support Groups
- "Me Time" activities
- Caregiver Symposium
- Resiliency & Life Skills
- Emotional Management and Humor
- Marriage Enrichment
- Spiritual Self Care
- Financial Counseling
- Resiliency Activities including art, music and journaling





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DCOE Outreach Center
(PTSD and Psychological Health)
1-866-966-1020

Military OneSource Wounded Warrior
Resource Call Center
1-800-342-9647

Suicide Prevention
1-800-TALK (8255)

Military Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-TALK (8255) Press 1
<http://www.realwarriors.net/>

Military Caregiver Resources
<http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Conditions-and-Treatments/Warrior-Care/Military-Caregiver-Resources>

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RAMP WEBPAGE

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About-AFW2/Programs/RAMP/](http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/About-AFW2/Programs/RAMP/)



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Recovering Airman Mentorship Program (RAMP)



*"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen,
and a push in the right direction"*
- John C. Crosby

RECOVERING AIRMAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

MISSION:

Promote healing and growth for wounded warriors by connecting them with fellow wounded warriors who are further along in the recovery process.

VISION:

Develop peer, sport, team and Community Peer Activity Coordinator (CPAC) mentors who motivate through their life experiences, providing avenues for wounded warriors to connect with others who have had similar experiences.



PROGRAM SERVICES

- Establishes trusted partners in providing responsive, full-spectrum, holistic mentorship to Air Force seriously wounded, ill and injured Airmen.
- Provides training and tools to mentors.
- Provides mentoring opportunities via Warrior Care Service/Airman Medical Transition Units (AMTU).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

How do I become a Mentor?

Contact a Non-Medical Care Manager (NMCM) or Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) and complete the application with their concurrence. Download the application at:

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/About-AFW2/Programs/RAMP/>

How do I ask for a Mentor?

A mentoree can ask for a mentor by contacting a NMCM, RCC or the RAMP staff. Download an application at:

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/About-AFW2/Programs/RAMP/>

Where can I receive RAMP training?

RAMP training can be provided in a formal classroom setting, one-on-one or by computer-based training. Contact the RAMP staff for more details on training.

*Contact the RAMP staff at
(210) 565-0680 or (210) 565-2137*

or via email at AFPC.DPFWS.RAMP@us.af.mil



RESULTS



- Camaraderie, social interactions & support
- Greater self-esteem, self care & motivation
- Improved acceptance of one's illness/injury
- Increased skill building & mastery
- Therapeutic effect for both the mentor and mentoree, knowing that no one is alone in the journey to recovery!



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National Resource Directory

www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd

Department of Veterans Affairs eBenefits Employment Center

For job seekers and employers—tools and resources for making connection

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

Department of Veterans Affairs

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
<http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/vocrehab>

Feds Hire Vets

The one-stop resource for Federal veteran employment information

www.fedshirevets.gov

Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (Wounded Service Member Initiative)

www.cap.mil/wsm

(703) 681-8813 (703) 681-3978 TTY

Employer Assistance and Resource Network

Resources to help employers recruit, hire, retain and advance individuals with disabilities

www.askearn.org

1-855-275-3276

Job Accommodations Network

Free, expert guidance on workplace accommodations and disability issues

www.askjan.org

1-800-526-7234 1-877-781-9403 TTY

Department of Labor Career OneStop

Comprehensive site offering information about career exploration, training, job search, state services, and a search engine to assist with local resources

<http://www.servicelocator.org>

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Empowerment
In Transition



"Attending these boot camps is really beneficial. The networking and experience we get in the week long workshop is everything you really need. They get you ready for job interviews and help you craft your resume in a way that translates your military career into civilian experience. They really set you up for success."

- Jose Rijos-Ortiz

EMPOWERMENT IN TRANSITION PROGRAM

MISSION

Equip, Empower, and Encourage warriors to develop and achieve long-term career and life goals.

VISION

Provide personalized coaching and guidance to ensure warriors are inspired to manage lifestyle and career change, build an effective way forward, and find purpose to take charge of their post-military life.

HOW WE HELP

- Civil Service Employment Program (CSEP)
- Facilitate Empowerment In Transition (EIT) Workshops
- Coaching that guides warriors toward fulfillment of life goals
- Connect warriors with other programs and partners



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can you review my resume?

Of course, we can review and offer suggestions. We also provide current corporate samples and a federal resume writing guide.

What is a Schedule A?

"Schedule A" is a letter from your primary physician (PCM) or Vocational Rehabilitation counselor stating you are a person with a disability; however, it does not specify your particular disability. It allows you to be considered for federal employment under a non-competitive hiring authority.

What is the difference between a private sector and a federal resume?

The private sector resume is a short 1-2 page synopsis of work experience designed to "get you the interview". In the Federal government, the purpose of the resume is to show your qualifications so that you can be "certified" by the Human Resources office, by meeting specific eligibility requirements. Federal resumes are generally very lengthy, as they are designed to showcase all of your relevant work experience...your federal resume has to be strong enough to get you the job!

Can you assist me to search for position where I will live once I retire/separate?

Yes. We will coordinate with the Department of Labor where you are going, to connect you with the veteran employment specialists. We will also provide you with local resources relating to your field of knowledge, experience or education. Finally, we will consider non-profit organizations that provide transitional support in employment, resume writing and job fairs



TESTIMONIAL

Scott Palomino is Director of Airman & Family Readiness at the 301st Fighter Wing, NAS Fort Worth JRB. After transitioning from active duty in 2005, he earned his bachelor's degree in Social Work from Texas A & M University-Commerce and started his Air Force civil service career through the Pathways Internship Program. Upon successful completion of the internship, he was promoted to his current position where his military experience contributes to organizational success. Airmen projected to be medically separated from the service possess many skills and abilities that easily transfer to benefit employers.



RCC LOCATIONS

All Air Force bases have an assigned RCC; however, RCC offices are physically located at the following bases:

NORTH WEST

McCord	Malmstrom	Hickam
Mtn Home	Elmendorf	Vandenberg
Travis		

NORTH CENTRAL

Ellsworth	Offutt	Scott
Grand Forks	Wright Patterson	

NORTH EAST

Dover	Hanscom	Andrews
Langley	WRNMMC	Lakenheath
Ramstein	McGuire	

SOUTH WEST

Holloman	Kirtland	Luke
Nellis	Hill	Peterson
USAFA		

SOUTH CENTRAL

Barksdale	Dyess	Lackland
SAMMC	Little Rock	Tinker
Randolph		

SOUTH EAST

Eglin	Hurlburt	Moody
MacDill	Maxwell	Pope
AFRC/Robins	Shaw	

YOUR AFW2 TEAM

RCC: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

NMCM: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

WARRIOR TESTIMONY

"The RCC has been my angel and one source of light throughout my entire recovery process. Anytime I was feeling down it was my RCC there to lift me back up."

"My RCC advocated for my needs and ensured that I was referred to the proper goods and services."

"My RCC was helpful, insightful and more than cooperative whenever I needed help or guidance."

"My NMCM was always attentive to my situation and remembered things from previous conversations. She seemed like a friend checking on me and that was really helpful and nice."



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PROGRAM & ELIGIBILITY

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The Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2) is a **Congressionally-mandated, federally funded** program that provides **personalized care, services and advocacy** to seriously or very seriously wounded, ill, or injured Total Force Recovering Airmen and their caregivers/families. AFW2 also provides the following support activities:

- ⇒ Caregiver Support Program
- ⇒ Adaptive Sports & Resiliency Program
- ⇒ Recovering Airmen Mentorship Program
- ⇒ Empowerment in Transition Program
- ⇒ Ambassador Program
- ⇒ Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)

The AFW2 Program is governed by:

DoDI 1300.24, Recovery Coordination Program
AFI 34-1101, AF Warrior Care

ELIGIBILITY

- ⇒ **Seriously ill/injured (SI) or very seriously ill/injured (VSI)** on an AF Casualty Report
- ⇒ **Highly complex medical conditions**
- ⇒ **Airmen diagnosed with service connected, or in the line of duty, PTS, TBI, or MST** who have been referred or are likely to be referred through the Medical Evaluation Board process
- ⇒ **Purple Heart recipients**
- ⇒ **Air Reserve Component** members who are retained for more than 6 months on Title 10 medical orders, or Airmen who are returned to Title 10 orders for deployment related condition(s) (serious/severe conditions)

To inquire about the eligibility of yourself or someone you know:

Call us toll free at **(800) 581-9437** or

Visit: WWW.WOUNDEDWARRIOR.AF.MIL

RCC & CRP

MISSION

The primary mission of the Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) is to **facilitate, monitor, and ensure access to care** and resources for **seriously, or very seriously wounded, ill, and injured (WII) Airmen and their families.** RCCs allow for a **smooth transition** from immediate hospital recovery to long-term adaptability and care.

LOCATIONS

Every installation has an assigned RCC; however, the RCC may not be located on every installation. Each RCC is responsible for a region and is strategically stationed where there is a historically high volume of WII Airmen being treated. RCCs educate and guide the Recovering Airmen through the first four phases of the Continuum of Care and always serve as the local area referral expert for Recovering Airmen in need.

GOALS

The RCC's goal is to:

- ⇒ Prevent unnecessary **delays**
- ⇒ Reduce **anxiety**
- ⇒ Obtain accurate and **responsive information and services**



CRP

The Comprehensive Recovery Plan (CRP) identifies the Recovering Airmen & family's goals and the resources they need to achieve them, such as assistive technology, education, employment and housing. AFW2 care managers use the plan to guide WII Airmen and their families along the entire road to recovery.

NMCM & CCM

ROLE

Your Non-Medical Care Managers (NMCM), located at HQ AFPC, JBSA Randolph, TX, serve as **subject matter experts** and work hand-in-hand with the RCCs in the field to provide optimal care and support to enrolled Recovering Airmen.



TRANSITIONING OUT OF SERVICE

If a determination is made that the Recovering Airmen will transition out of the Air Force and into the civilian sector, the NMCM will normally take the lead coordinator role and assist the RSM and family throughout the transition period. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ⇒ Benefits
- ⇒ Entitlements
- ⇒ Housing
- ⇒ Transportation counseling
- ⇒ Program & Service Referrals

WARM HAND-OFF

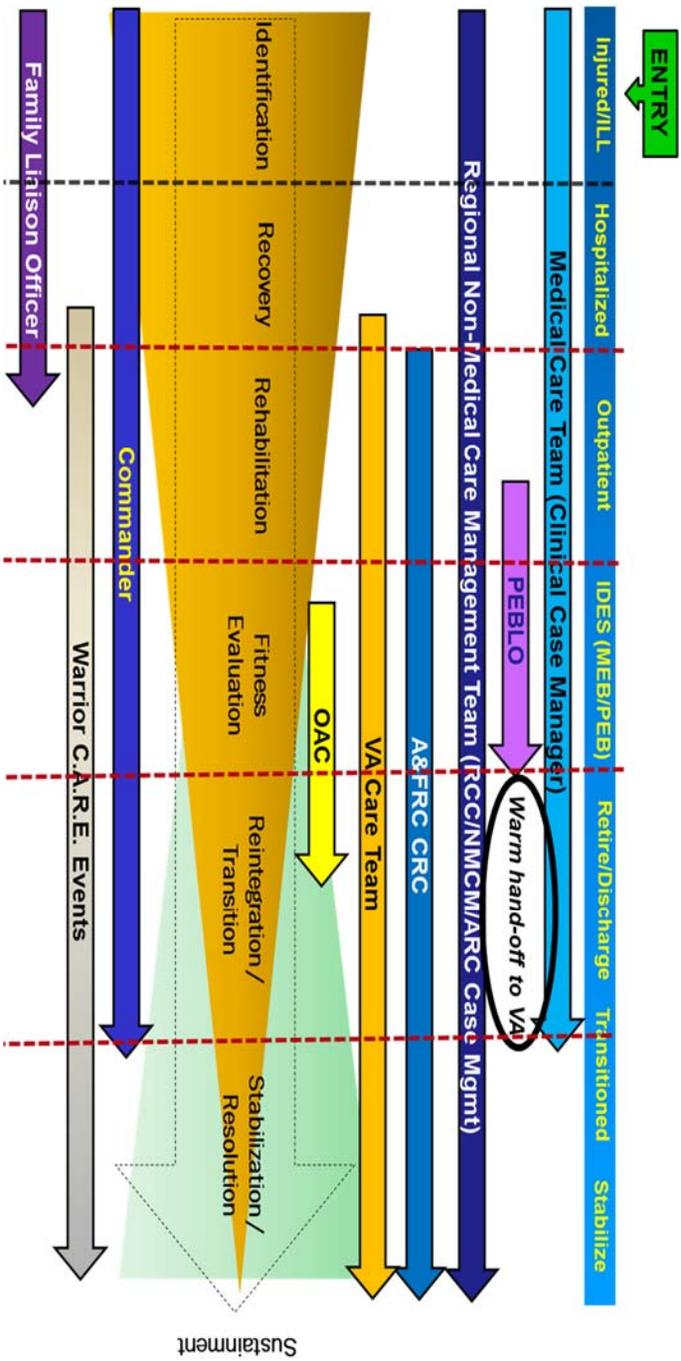
NMCMs are responsible for providing non-medical care when Recovering Airmen are placed on the Temporary Disabilities Retired Listing (TDRL) as well as helping transition to the Veteran Affairs (VA) support system.

CCM

Clinical Case Managers (CCMs), normally nurses or social workers, ensure the Recovering Airman and their family understand care options and have timely and quality access to recommended treatment, to include lengthy inpatient or outpatient health services. They also work with RCCs to help identify Airmen who can best be assisted by AFW2.

CONTINUUM OF CARE

This simplified version of the Continuum of Care chart represents the entire recovery care coordination process from the Airman's perspective.





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What does CARE stand for?

Caregiver Support

Air Force Caregivers will learn skills to help them positively affect their environments. While attending an AFW2 CARE event, these unsung heroes learn to enlist help from family members and friends, how to enjoy personal time without guilt and learn about the multitude of resources and assistance available to caregivers and airmen.

Adaptive Sports & Resiliency Program

This program provides opportunities for Recovering Airmen to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through sports. Participants are introduced to healthy behavior changes, stress management, mental health, nutrition and weight management, physical fitness and activity.

Recovering Airman Mentorship Program

RAMP motivates recovering airmen by helping them develop one-on-one relationships with fellow Recovering Airman who are further along in the recovery process. The vision is to develop mentors and connect them with recovering Airman, Air force-wide, to promote and encourage healing throughout the continuum of care.

Empowerment in Transition Program

The AFW2 Empowerment in Transition Cell strives to equip, empower, and encourage warriors to develop and achieve long term career and life goals through personalized coaching and guidance to ensure warriors are inspired to manage lifestyle and career change, build an effective way forward, and find purpose to take charge of their post-military life.

CARE EVENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Air Force Wounded Warrior CARE Event?

A CARE Event is an enriching, week-long experience meant to offer the full scope of AFW2 support in a holistic environment. Each event has something for everyone including: individual and team sports, art and music workshops, caregiver support, mentorship training, employment readiness training, and a community fair for all attendees.

Who is eligible?

All Active Duty and those on Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) enrolled in AFW2. Those enrolled in AFW2 that are on the Permanent Disability Retired List (PDRL) may attend as long as they are able to fund the cost of the trip (through personal means or non profit support). While the selection is "first come-first served" those new Recovering Airmen who have not participated in an event before will be given priority in the selection process.

How much does it cost?

All participants, with exception of those on PDRL, will be on TDY Orders funded by the Program. This includes lodging (ADA-compliant rooms available), local transportation and per diem (for non-local warriors).

I do not have a physical wounds, is this event for me?

These events are open to every eligible member enrolled in AFW2, no matter the extent of any wounds, illness, or injuries.

If I require a non medical attendant, can that person travel with me?

Yes, if a non-medical attendant Caregiver is required and assist with one or more activities of daily living, that person may travel with you and stay in the same room with you at the hotel. There is a block indicating this on the registration.

Do you have other opportunities throughout the year?

Yes, the AFW2 Community programs offers a national calendar that has a list of various camps/clinics and events. They can also assist in finding other Paralympic style events and competitions in your area through the VA and other channels.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A C.A.R.E EVENT?

Refer to your Recovery Care Coordinator or Non-Medical Care Manager for more information or visit us at:

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/About-AFW2/programs/CARE-Events/>

If you have any further questions email us at:

Afpc.dpfw.adaptedsportsworkflow@us.af.mil





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SPECIAL COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

The Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) program provides Service members, who have a permanent catastrophic injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, compensation to pay their primary caregivers who provide non-medical care, support, and assistance.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for SCAADL, Airmen must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- ◆ Be an outpatient and have a designated primary caregiver;
- ◆ Category 3 criteria (certified by DoD or VA physician), as outlined in DoDI 1300.24, which states Airmen “is highly unlikely to return to duty” and “will most likely be medically separated from the military” (*Air Force-specific criteria*);
- ◆ Have a permanent* catastrophic injury or illness** incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;
- ◆ Have been certified by a DoD or VA licensed physician to be in need of assistance from another person to perform personal functions required in everyday living or requires constant supervision;
- ◆ In the absence of caregiver assistance, would require hospitalization, nursing home care, or other residential institutional care.

***Permanent.** Lasting or remaining without essential change; not expected to change in status, condition, or place.

****Catastrophic injury or illness.** A permanent, severely disabling injury, disorder, or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty that compromises the ability to perform ADLs to such a degree that an Airman requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave home or bed, or requires constant supervision to avoid physical harm to self or others, and is unlikely to recover from such a disability.

Can Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve Airmen receive SCAADL?

Yes. SCAADL is authorized if injury or illness was incurred or aggravated in the line of

duty as certified by unit commander.

What is the application process?

Airmen should contact a member of their Care Management Team (Clinical Case Manager (CCM), Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC), or Non-Medical Care Manager (NMCM)) to start the eligibility process. A DoD or VA physician and Airman’s commander will certify eligibility.

How is compensation determined?

SCAADL compensation is based upon the level of dependency (low, moderate, or high) and geographic location where Airman is rehabilitating.

Who receives the SCAADL payment?

SCAADL is paid directly to the Airman, not the Airman’s designated caregiver. It is up to the Airman to ensure that the caregiver receives the appropriate compensation.

Is SCAADL compensation retroactive?

No. SCAADL cannot be backdated to a previous date. Compensation is effective the date the physician certified eligibility on the DD Form 2948.

Is SCAADL tax exempt?

No. SCAADL is a taxable compensation.

Can an Airman designate another service member as a primary caregiver?

No. A military member (Active or Reserve Component) cannot be designated as a primary caregiver for the purposes of SCAADL.

What if an Airman disagrees with his/her SCAADL determination?

A section on the DD Form 2948 provides an opportunity to appeal. Appeals will be submitted through the Airman’s RCC, with additional supporting medical documentation, to the AFW2 Program. An impartial medical review will be



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conducted prior to determining Airman's final SCAADL eligibility.

Are there any instances where an Airman's SCAADL could change?

Yes, during re-evaluations that are required every 150 days (*Air Force-specific criteria*), or sooner if Airman's dependency level changes. Termination of compensation will occur on 180th day if a complete re-evaluation is not received.

What if an Airman's status changes from outpatient to inpatient?

As long as the Airman is in an outpatient status for the majority of the month, he or she will still be eligible. SCAADL payment must be terminated if hospitalized for 16 or more cumulative days within a month. Re-evaluation is required after hospital discharge, if applicable.

Can Airmen receive payments under non-medical attendant (NMA) and SCAADL programs at the same time?

Yes. SCAADL is paid in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the Airman is entitled or authorized. The Airman must meet eligibility requirements for each program separately.

Can Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve Airmen receive SCAADL and MEDCON or INCAP pay at the same time?

Yes. SCAADL is paid in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the Airman is entitled or authorized.

Can an Airman participate in Adaptive and Resiliency Sports Program (ARSP) and be eligible for SCAADL?

Yes. Airmen may participate if SCAADL eligibility criteria has been met and has been cleared by their provider and unit commander.

Will an Airman receive SCAADL after transitioning out of the Air Force?

The payments can continue for up to 90 days after separation (if a current evaluation is on file) or until:

- ♦ Assistance is no longer required; or
- ♦ Caregiver begins receiving the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregiver (PCAFC) stipend; or
- ♦ Airman begins receiving certain VA Aid & Attendance compensation.

How does an Airman's caregiver apply for the VA's PCAFC?

The caregiver may apply for the PCAFC once the Airman's date of separation has been established. Not all Airmen receiving SCAADL will qualify for the PCAFC Program, as there are differences in eligibility criteria. For more information please visit:

https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp

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