WHO WE ARE

Friends of Windward Wounded Warriors is a program of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League, a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of recovering service members. Dedicated volunteers, businesses, faith communities, and local organizations work together to bring a variety of services and experiences for service members and their families who have endured much in service to their country.

Returning service members have experienced a wide range of injuries requiring a variety of services which may include surgery, therapy, training, and education. Friends of Windward Wounded Warriors provides support to individuals and families that complements the medical and other care they are receive.

Please take a moment to read this brochure and learn about the amazing ways our organization improves the lives and outlook of those we serve. Your help, your donations, and your commitment are greatly appreciated.

Friends of Windward Wounded Warriors is not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project. One hundred percent of donated finds are used to directly benefit service members.

TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Only a small percentage of our wounded, ill, and injured are able to return to active duty. The vast majority will be assisted in preparing for a return to civilian life through:

- transition retreats
- mentors
- training and certification
- internships
- networking with federal agencies, DoD contractors, small businesses, and service organizations.

Service members being medically retired receive an encased flag; one that was flown over Pearl Harbor memorials by fellow Marines on military holidays.

Once they are retired, we stay in touch with them and provide additional assistance as needed. An annual retreat on the mainland connects newly transitioned warriors with those who have already gone through challenges of moving, school, job placement, as well as VA benefits preparation, medical, and mental health programs.

IMPROVISATION AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

Improvied explosive devices inflict visible and invisible wounds. We address these through medical, mind, body, spiritual, and relationship support.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The impact of injury and illness is not just felt by the service member, but experienced by each member of the family. In addition to what the unit provides in counseling and support, we arrange:

- family day events
- caregiver appreciation days/retreats
- monthly barbecues
- Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter celebrations
- monthly meals at the barracks
- marriage celebrations
- baby showers
- equine therapy and therapeutic horsemanship
- pertinent books for adults and children, on topics like post-traumatic stress and grief
- snorkeling and whale watching excursions
- sailing with local skippers
- family-friendly shows and concerts
- Kualoa Ranch package tours

When children and spouses become ill, they also receive our support. Caregivers are given regular assistance and directed to special programs.

Some return to duty, others find new careers or attend college. We arrange internships, assist with tutoring, and use our networks and job fairs for employment opportunities.
Dedicated to improving the quality of life for recovering service members and their families stationed at the Marine Base on the Windward side of Oahu, and providing assistance and local resources to ease the transitions they face physically, mentally, spiritually, and professionally.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Local community groups and individuals can help our Marines and their families heal, grow, learn new skills, and explore career fields.

**Financial Help**

Your tax-deductible donation allows the volunteer staff to provide experiences, material support, travel, and social events that assist our warriors to thrive.

You may mail checks to:

Navy League of Honolulu
Wounded Warriors Fund
PO Box 31032
Honolulu, HI 96820

Donations may be made online at

[www.honolulunavyleague.org/our-programs/programs](http://www.honolulunavyleague.org/our-programs/programs)

**In-Kind Donations**

Experiences off-base and in the community provide a wonderful opportunity for warriors and their families.

Of particular value are donations such as:

- fast-food gift cards
- restaurant gift cards
- commissary, NEX, MCX gift cards
- taxi vouchers
- movie passes

If you would to make a donation of any kind, please contact us and we will work with you to make appropriate arrangements.

**Contact us:**

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Explosions beneath vehicles in combat, aircraft crashes, and on a more frequent basis, accidents occur. In these cases, we assist not only the injured, but their families who arrive to tend to them.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

With some frequency, situations emerge to which we must respond rapidly—an aircraft crash, immediate surgery for a service member from Okinawa, or a family crisis, among other examples. Reliable funding for crises like these, that is not otherwise quickly or adequately obtainable and supported by other agencies, makes a huge difference, especially in situations involving loss of life or critical illness.

The ability to quickly provide clothing, food, toiletries, linens, school supplies, and more is greatly appreciated. Family members sometimes fly to Hawaii from the mainland, upon learning news of a loved one's injury or death. We are able to assist with accommodations, meals, and other services.

Visit us on Facebook for regular updates on our programs and events.