

## The National Intrepid Center of Excellence and the Intrepid Spirit Centers

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund has extended its generosity to build nine **Intrepid Spirit** centers across the nation to serve as satellites to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) Directorate and extend the care out to the home bases of troops managing the effects of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health (PH) conditions.

Each Intrepid Spirit center is roughly 25,000 square feet and costs approximately \$11 million to build and equip. While much of the operation at the NICoE Directorate involves research and education about TBI and PH conditions, the Intrepid Spirit centers will focus on diagnosis and treatment. The NICoE interdisciplinary model of care will be delivered at each Intrepid Spirit center, while additional services such as pain management and rehabilitation will also be offered.

### Partnerships

Intrepid Spirit centers network and collaborate with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's NICoE Directorate, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. This collaboration helps provide the most advanced care possible to returning personnel suffering from TBI and PH conditions and ensures the continued care of individual patients as they move through the NICoE to local military facilities and external medical systems. Future synergy among the Intrepid Spirit centers and the NICoE in the area of research may lead to greater understanding of TBI and PH conditions and cultivate best care and treatment practices.

### Locations

The Intrepid Spirit center located at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Virginia officially opened on September 11, 2013. This facility supports the interdisciplinary model of care for the full spectrum of mild to severe TBI for those stationed nearby.

The Intrepid Spirit center located at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina officially opened on October 2, 2013. The overall mission is to provide TBI education and clinical services to Camp Lejeune's active duty, Guard and reserve and community populations with integrated health care delivery both on post and in the community.

The Intrepid Spirit center located at Blanchfield Community Hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky opened on September 8, 2014. The center provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care at one location, giving the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell soldiers the opportunity to heal at home where they are surrounded by a network of support from their families and unit.

Currently there are two Intrepid Spirit centers under construction, located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Hood, Texas, with completion expected in December 2015. Four additional Intrepid Spirit centers are planned for: Fort Carson, Colorado; Joint Base Lewis McCord, Washington; Camp Pendleton, California; and Fort Bliss, Texas. Once completed, the Intrepid Spirit centers will treat thousands of patients annually.