



Media Advisory

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Groundbreaking Set for New Intrepid Spirit Center at Camp Pendleton

By NHCP Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—Military leaders and representatives from the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (IFHF) will participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new traumatic brain injury treatment center May 9, 2017, at 11 a.m.

The new Intrepid Spirit center will be located next to the Pacific Views Event Center near the main gate and will cost approximately \$12 million to construct. When completed, the 25,000 square foot facility will be equipped with the latest medical technology and will be staffed by personnel from Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. Funding for the project is being raised privately through the IFHF.

The design and mission of the Intrepid Spirit centers are based on the original [National Intrepid Center of Excellence](#) (NICoE) which opened in 2010 at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Operated by the Department of Defense, NICoE is the most advanced facility of its kind in the country, and is the center of the Armed Forces' efforts in researching, diagnosing and treating TBI, psychological health conditions and related injuries sustained by military personnel.

The Camp Pendleton Intrepid Spirit center will be the seventh in a series of nine centers located at military bases around the country built by the IFHF, a not-for-profit organization supporting the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Intrepid Spirit centers currently are operational at [Fort Belvoir](#), Virginia, [Camp Lejeune](#), North Carolina, [Fort Campbell](#), Kentucky, [Fort Hood](#), TX, and [Fort Bragg](#), NC, and another still under construction at [Joint Base Lewis-McChord](#), WA.

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MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS: Media interested in covering this event must call the Naval Hospital Public Affairs Office at (760) 725-1271 and RSVP no later than COB, May 8. Media should meet at Camp Pendleton's Main Gate no later than 10:15 a.m. May 9 to be escorted to the event. Once aboard Camp Pendleton, expect to remain on base until the availability is finished. The availability is expected to last two hours. After business hours, please leave R.S.V.P. messages on the answering machine.