

Wounded, Very Seriously Ill, and Injured Sailors - Guide

[MILPERSMAN 1770-030 \(navy.mil\)](#) states a Personnel Casualty Report (PCR) shall be submitted to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Casualty Assistance Branch (PERS-13) as soon as practicable after learning of a casualty, preferably within 4 hours.

[MILPERSMAN 1770-230 \(navy.mil\)](#) describes the process in detail, below is quick guide:

The reporting categories include:

1. **VSI** - Very seriously wounded, very seriously ill, or very seriously injured. This status is used when medical authority declares that death is more likely than not to occur within 72 hours.
2. **SI** - Seriously wounded, seriously ill, or seriously injured (SI). This status is used when medical authority declares that death is possible, but not likely to occur within 72 hours, or that the severity is such that the condition is permanent or life-altering. Illnesses or injuries that are considered long term, and may require extended hospitalization, shall also be reported.
3. **NSI** - Not seriously wounded, ill, or injured shall be reported for injuries or illnesses that occur in-theater.
4. **Terminally ill** - Terminally ill Sailors shall be reported as VSI or SI with appropriate comments in the remarks section.

Process

5. When the member is not in a military care facility:
6. In the Comment section of the PCR, the name and number of the civilian doctor assisting the member. Once the command submits the PCR, PERS-13, will route it to the area's MEDCOG. In Region NDW the MEDCOG is Walter Reed.
7. The Walter Reed doctor will call the civilian doctor to discuss the case and determine the severity of the illness/injury. Once this is done, Walter Reed will update the PCR and state if the member is Bedside Warranted (BSW) or not.

Bedside Warranted

8. If the Walter Reed doctor determines the member is BSW, Walter Reed will update the PCR and PERS-13 will forward it to the Regions involved, where the NOK are. Regions direct Courtesy CACO support for the NOK after the above process is done.
9. The member may choose who may or may attend Bedside. We should not assume the PG2 listed individuals are automatically awarded Bedside Warranted entitlements. If the member is not able to make a selection, a board will decide who receives the entitlements.

Benefits only exist while the member is BSW as stated in a PCR by a Navy Doctor

10. Usually include Lodging, per-diem and transportation to the BSW location. Command will see that a Courtesy CACO will assist the NOK filing travel claims as needed. Commands will work with their Regional CACO office to coordinate support in these cases. **These benefits are not retroactive.**