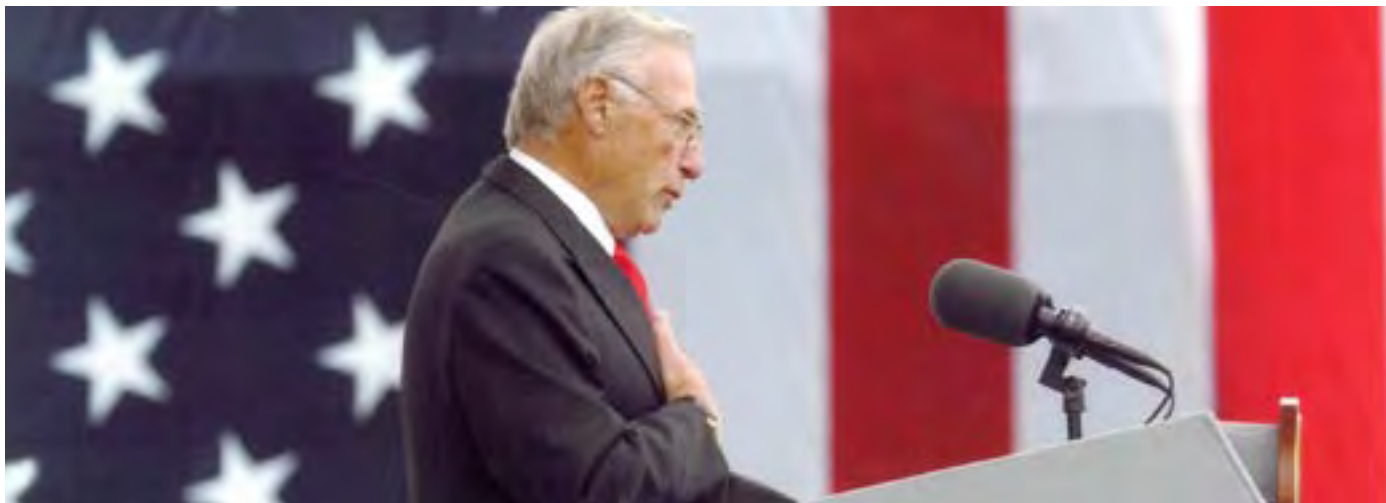


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Mr. Arnold Fisher, Remembering a Champion of Military Health



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Mr. Arnold Fisher, notable champion of military service members with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other invisible wounds of war, passed away on September 11.

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"As Americans, it is not charity, but rather it is our duty to care for these men and women who have fought and sacrificed for our freedom," Fisher said at the opening of the NICoE on June 24, 2010.

"Mr. Fisher was a man of action whose efforts have led to the improved lives of thousands of active duty service members and veterans through the high quality treatment, research, and education of the Defense Intrepid Network for TBI and Brain Health (Defense Intrepid Network). His contributions are immeasurable," said CAPT Carlos Williams, USN, director of NICoE.

Fisher's dedication to his country resulted in more than 90 percent of Defense Intrepid Network patients remaining on active duty after being discharged from our Intensive Outpatient Program, fulfilling the goal to support warfighter readiness, and enabling our nation's heroes to lead full and productive lives with TBI.

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Mr. Arnold Fisher (right center) cuts the ribbon during a dedication ceremony for the opening of the NICoE.

In addition to funding the NICoE and ISCs, Fisher also spearheaded the building of the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, Texas to treat service members suffering amputations, limb trauma, and severe burns. Fisher has also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Intrepid Museum Foundation and chairman of the Fisher House Foundation.

"We live our lives eternally in the red to Mr. Arnold Fisher for his humility, commitment, and dedication to making the lives of military families better. Mr. Fisher, the watch stands relieved, relieved by those you have guided and dedicated your life to. We have the watch, shipmate. You stand relieved," said CAPT Carlos Williams, USN.

Remembering Mr. Arnold Fisher

“Mr. Fisher was a true patriot, a man who saw a need and an opportunity to make an impact for our Nation’s warriors. He took his experience and expertise and worked tirelessly to get involved in bringing his vision to existence. His impact will be felt by more individuals and families than he could have imagined, and will be an enduring legacy of his service.”

– CAPT Scott Klimp, USPHS,
ISC Fort Bragg Director



Mr. Arnold Fisher cuts the ribbon to officially open the Intrepid Spirit Center Camp Pendleton on April 4, 2018.

“Mr. Fisher was a champion for those warrior voices unable to express the consequences of war experience. His impact and legacy will continue to be felt for generations of soldiers, fathers, mothers, daughters and sons.”

– Dr. Scot D. Engel, ISC Foot Hood Director



Mr. Arnold Fisher cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the opening of ISC Camp Lejeune on October 02, 2013.



The official party, including Mr. Arnold Fisher (right center), cuts the ribbon during a dedication ceremony for the ISC Fort Belvoir on September 11, 2013.

“Mr. Fisher’s contribution to society, military medicine, and medical care models within the Army--which will impact holistic and interdisciplinary medical care for TBI within the military and throughout the world --is amazing and should be honored daily through the care we give. Mr. Arnold Fisher, we will miss you, honor you and never stop thanking you for what you did.”

– Dr. Sean Sebesta, ISC Fort Bliss Director



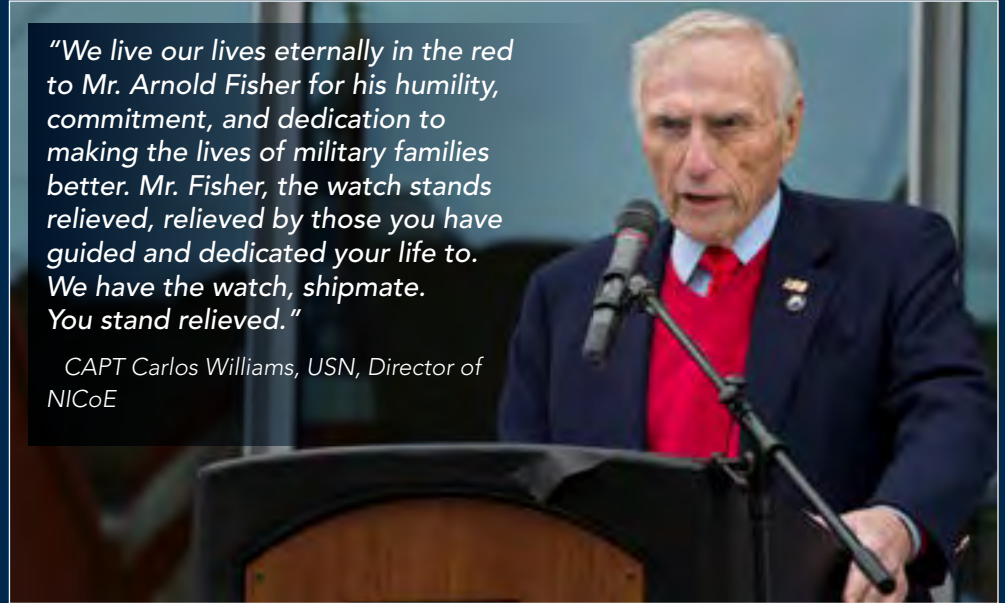
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Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, right, speaks to Mr. Arnold Fisher at the groundbreaking ceremony for ISC Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 13, 2012.

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Mr. Arnold Fisher addresses the audience during the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Intrepid Spirit Center Camp Pendleton on April 4, 2018.

"He was a brilliant mind that cared about the soldiers and always put their healthcare first."

– Mr. Terry James, ISC Fort Campbell Director



"He made sure that each of these Centers was built right, and every single one of them was completed on time and on budget. More than that, he wanted these Centers to be more than just utilitarian buildings; he wanted them to be welcoming and comforting, which you all know adds so much in patient care. I think he succeeded, and the commitment and love he brought to each of these Centers will continue to be felt for many years to come...At the time of his passing, Arnold was working on plans for our tenth and final Intrepid Spirit Center, at Fort Bliss. We will carry forward his mission and ensure that this Center is built with the same care and love that went into all the prior ones. In fact, we will be scheduling the groundbreaking shortly."

– Mr. David A. Winters, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund President



Mr. Arnold Fisher, the honorary chairman of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Intrepid Spirit Center (ISC) Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 13, 2012.

"From the first day of NICOE's inception, Mr. Fisher's devotion to our service members was the catalyst allowing us to design a program that truly heals mind, body and spirit."

– Dr. Thomas DeGraba, NICOE Chief Innovations Officer and Founding Deputy Director

