



Landstuhl Regional Medical Center



2001 DoD PERSONNEL RECOVERY CONFERENCE



Personnel Recovery in the New Millennium

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AGENDA

- **Situation**
- **Facility**
- **Repatriation**
 - **Phased Action Plan**
- **Nursing Role**
- **Tips for Success**
- **Comments and Questions**



SITUATION



**Ramstein AB
Germany**

**Landstuhl Regional
Medical Center
Germany**

**LRMC is the largest DoD
referral center providing
comprehensive services for
Europe, Southwest Asia, and
Africa**





Repatriation

- **Decompression and Adjustment Time**
 - **2 - 5 Days**
 - **Careful, phased and predictable integration**
 - **Optimal repatriation process results in speedy and effective reintegration**
- **Critical Information Debriefing (SERE Team)**
 - **Critical Incident and Captivity**



Repatriation

- **Establishing Adequate Professional Support**
 - **Physicians and nurses**
 - **Legal Advocate**
 - **Religious Leader**
 - **Marriage and Family Counselor**
 - **Psychologist**
 - **Social Worker**
 - **Psychiatrist**
 - **Public Affairs Advisor**



Repatriation

PHASE I

- Immediate Release and transfer from release point to secure location
- Initial medical screening (on route if possible)

PHASE II

- Decompression and Reorientation
- Phone contact reunion with family members
- Completion of medical evaluation
- Formulation of Action Plan and Critical information brief



Repatriation

PHASE III

- Stateside return
- Reunion with family members/significant others
- Action Plan implementation
- Ensure support systems are in place



NURSING ROLE

- **Meet and develop action plan with team**
- **Meeting the psychosocial needs**
 - **Ensure Safety/Establish and maintain safe barriers**
 - **Developing and building trust**
 - **Assisting in “regaining control”**
- **Food and nutrition**
 - **Special Menu’s**
- **Input to daily meeting**



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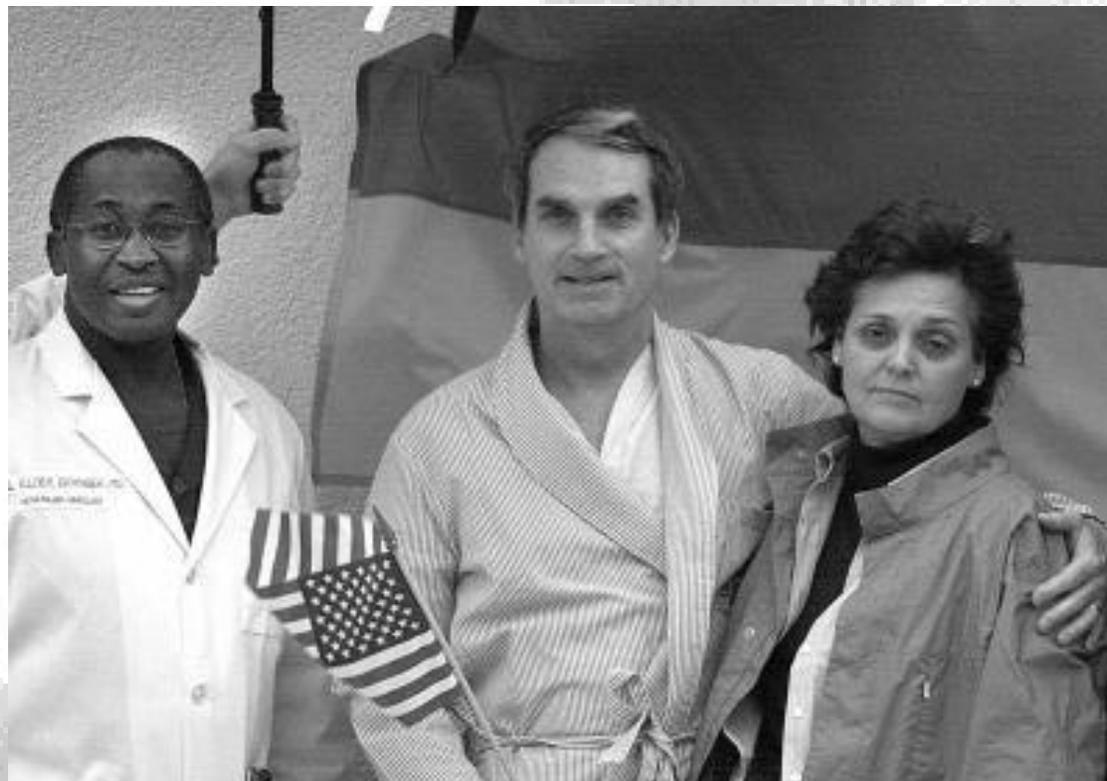
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- **Press and Senior Officials**

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COMMENTS

