

# Lockheed Martin pledges help for Operation Mend

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Defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corporation has pledged \$4 million in support for a University of California at Los Angeles-based program that offers wounded warriors life-changing surgery in the wake of battlefield injuries.



Dr. Timothy Miller leads Operation Mend, a project of the UCLA Health System.

Operation Mend, a partnership between San Antonio's Brooke Army Medical Center and the UCLA Health System, provides life-changing surgery to service members who suffer severe facial injuries.

Lockheed's donation will provide for the renovation of a surgical waiting room to assure families and friends more comfortable during the multiple surgeries wounded warriors endure. The donation also will provide new private recovery suites where patients can convalesce immediately after surgery.

"We recognize that the sacrifices of our servicemen and women sometimes result in debilitating personal injury, and we are honored to help make a difference in those lives," said Robert J. Stevens, Lockheed Martin's CEO and board chairman.

To date, 34 men and women, representing all military services, have participated in Operation Mend.

Dr. Timothy Miller, a Vietnam veteran, leads Operation Mend. He is the chief of plastic surgery at UCLA and is credited with advancing the techniques used in eyelid replacement and facelifts..

For more on UCLA medicine and Operation Mend, please see their Web site at [www.operationmend.ucla.edu](http://www.operationmend.ucla.edu). To see ON PATROL's spring 2009 profile on Operation Mend, please visit [www.USOonPatrol.org](http://www.USOonPatrol.org).