

Wounded Veterans and Their Families Experience Science

Hands-On Exhibits Bring Families Together to Learn

LODI, Calif., March 8, 2016 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Electricity dances around a glass globe, sparking interest in children and adults alike. While two others compare their reaction time at one exhibit, others learn about flying an F-14. These displays help teach and entertain at the World of Wonders Science Museum.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) took injured veterans and their families to experience the museum in downtown Lodi as part of the Alumni Program. Through sporting events, dinners, hunting trips, and other outings, injured service members, their families, and caregivers can spend time with combat veterans and families who deal with similar challenges. Through shared experiences, these events create new support structures for all involved. Wounded veterans earn their place as Alumni in WWP by serving our country. There are no membership fees with WWP; service members pay those dues on the battlefield.

"My oldest daughter and I really enjoyed the illumination room and the tornado exhibit," Thomas Kayl, a WWP Alumnus and Army veteran, said. "Both exhibits were very interesting and easy for us to engage in together."

Thomas brought his wife and two daughters with him for the outing. He says the museum staff taught them that holding a magnet to a box television can make the colors come out on the screen. Thomas also learned important information about the 20 direct programs and services offered by WWP, free of charge.

"I did not know that WWP could help with my combat stress recovery and coping process," Thomas said. "To me, WWP is all about soldiers helping soldiers. It is great my family has a place to get assistance when needed."

WWP connected with nearly 20,000 wounded veterans, their families, and their caregivers in January alone. Combat Stress Recovery is one program that helps to ease the transition from combat deployment to civilian life. Through events like Project Odyssey, wounded veterans learn important coping skills to deal with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/mental-wellness/veteran-ptsd-treatment-support-resources>

About Wounded Warrior Project

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. WWP's purpose is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

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