

NFL and Hanscom Air Force Base Kick Off Football Season with Wounded Warrior Project Veterans  
BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 7, 2017 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- To celebrate the start of the 2017 NFL season Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP), with their partners the NFL and USAA®, hosted a military appreciation event for wounded veterans at Hanscom Air Force Base. Throughout the day, warriors and Airmen from the base enjoyed flag football, dinner, and special appearances by NFL Legend **TONY RICHARDSON** and New England Patriots cheerleaders. Events like this not only allow warriors to experience a unique event firsthand but also form relationships with local veterans like them.

"The NFL has supported and honored our military for years, and all of us at Wounded Warrior Project are extremely grateful for their continued support of our mission," said Gary Corless, WWP chief development officer. "Wounded Warrior Project connects warriors with one another, their families, and communities, and serves warriors through life-saving programs and services targeting mental and physical health, career and benefits counseling, and support for the most severely wounded. We are proud to offer that free of charge, and that's only possible because of the generosity of our donors, and partners like the NFL and USAA."

WWP is one of the NFL's key military nonprofit partners. As part of an enhanced partnership, the NFL helps to support Project Odyssey, a rehabilitative program offered by WWP that aids veterans in the transition and recovery process. To learn more about Project Odyssey, visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/project-odyssey](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/project-odyssey).

"The NFL was proud to work with Wounded Warrior Project on our military appreciation event at Hanscom Air Force Base," said NFL Senior Vice President of Social Responsibility Anna Isaacson. "Wounded veterans need continued support, which is why we enhanced our contribution to Wounded Warrior Project's Project Odyssey program. A fun flag football game is one way we hope to show the military community that we appreciate their service and the sacrifices they make for this country."

Since 2011, the NFL has donated more than \$17 million to its military nonprofit partners through the *Salute to Service* campaign. To learn more about how WWP is using the NFL's generous support to serve this generation of wounded veterans, please visit <https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

### About Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) connects, serves, and empowers wounded warriors. Read more at <https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

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