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## Wounded Warrior Project Opens New Office In San Diego West Coast presence part of year long regional expansion

Jacksonville, FL (March 21, 2011) – Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) announces the opening of their San Diego office, located in the heart of the Liberty Station neighborhood.

"In order to fulfill our mission of honoring and empowering wounded warriors and to most effectively deliver the innovative services we offer, we decided that we must have a physical presence in the communities where these brave warriors live," stated Wounded Warrior Project Executive Director Steven Nardizzi. "We are honored to be a part of the San Diego community and look forward to serving the wounded veterans who call this area home."

The new WWP office, a 4,700 square foot space, is located at 2468 Historic Decatur Road, Building 905, Suite 150.

"To start, this office will employ a staff of twelve with room to grow," said Nardizzi. "We'll provide access to a full range of WWP veterans programs and services in the areas of mental health, physical health and wellness, and economic empowerment."

A grand opening event, in conjunction with Soldier Ride San Diego, is planned for Friday, March 25.

Over 40,000 troops have been physically wounded during the current military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hundreds of thousands more are estimated to be recovering from invisible wounds of war, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), major depression, and traumatic brain injury (TBI). Whether through caregiver retreats, <u>combat stress programs</u> or career and education opportunities, these services aim to ease the burdens of the wounded and their families, aid in the recovery process and smooth their <u>transition back into civilian life</u>.

Currently, <u>WWP has offices</u> in Jacksonville, FL; Washington, DC; New York, NY and San Antonio, Texas. New offices are planned for Chicago, IL; Fayetteville, NC; Ft. Lewis, WA and San Diego, California.

## **About Wounded Warrior Project**

The mission of the 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 service to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

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