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Wounded Warrior Project Hits Major Milestone with 100th “Warriors to Work” Placement In Under a Year

**--Economic Empowerment Program Offers Opportunity to Wounded Veterans--**

Jacksonville, FL (June 30, 2011) - In the ongoing effort to honor and empower this generation of wounded warriors, Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP), in less than one year’s time, has placed more than 100 wounded veterans into civilian careers through its Warriors to Work program.

“The 100<sup>th</sup> placement signifies profound progress towards our vision of the most successful and well-adjusted generation of veterans in our nation’s history,” said Steve Nardizzi, Executive Director, Wounded Warrior Project. “During these tough economic times, it also signals a commitment by civilian companies and corporate America to employ these great and brave Americans. Returning wounded warriors exemplify values critically important to corporate environments like integrity, honor, competitive spirit and commitment. These highly-trained men and women with their diverse life experiences have a lot to offer in the private sector.”

WWP’s Warriors to Work program provides wounded veterans access to experienced placement professionals who help translate their military experience into a compelling civilian resume. Through individual counseling, warriors’ skills and experience are matched to hiring employers’ needs. This free service is available to the current generation of service men and women who have been injured in the line of duty. The program offers a dedicated website for resume posting. Potential employers receive a special login to post jobs and search for warrior resumes.

“Over the period of about three months, Wounded Warrior Project prepared me for interviews, assisted with proper resume format, and searched out key positions that matched my qualifications,” said wounded warrior Clarence Rivers. “In the end I secured an interview with Bank of America and am currently a Vice-President, Global Business Continuity & Recovery, Exercise Director.”

LaMont Nowlin, another wounded warrior from this generation was recently hired with the Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) as an Administrative Support Assistant. He said “Wounded Warrior Project offered support, positivity, and patience through their weekly calls and emails with me.”

Over 44,000 service members 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).

“The 100<sup>th</sup> placement is certainly significant given the recent increase in unemployment rates for veterans,” Nardizzi continued. “There remains much work to be done. As we approach the tenth anniversary of the attacks of September 11 and with 33,000 troops due to come home by Fall 2012, the need to provide these types of career and economic opportunities will surely continue to rise.”

--Interviews with WWP personnel and wounded warriors can be arranged--

**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 service to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. To get involved and learn more, visit [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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