

## Wounded Warrior Project® Announces New Advisory Council

**Jacksonville, Fla. (March 27, 2015)** -- Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) has assembled an advisory council to advance the current and future work of WWP. This group of accomplished community leaders will provide leadership with direction that will help achieve WWP's vision of fostering the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

Created by WWP's leadership team and board of directors, the advisory council includes senior government officials, current and former service members and/or caregivers, corporate or major donors, C-suite executives, and national figures who have demonstrated an interest in the WWP mission of honoring and empowering Wounded Warriors.

"The WWP Advisory Council will help guide the direction of the organization and navigate its future," says WWP chief operating officer Al Giordano. "This council brings a wealth of experience to the table and will serve as an invaluable resource as we strive towards our goal of serving 100,000 warriors by 2017 and raising \$500 million for our Long-Term Support Trust."

Members of the Council include:

**Anthony Principi** -- *WWP Advisory Council Chair*, U.S. Navy veteran, former secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

**Ron Drach** -- U.S. Army veteran, former national employment director of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and director of government and legislative affairs of the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)

**John Loosen** -- U.S. Army veteran, former VA prosthetic specialist

**Lieutenant Colonel Leo Thorsness**, (Retired) U.S. Air Force, Congressional Medal of Honor (CMH) recipient, former Washington State Senator, serves on board of directors for the CMH Society, CMH Foundation, and America's Warrior Partnership

**Ronald Chez** -- president and owner, Ronald L. Chez, Inc., chairman of the board of Epiworks and the ChezFamily Foundation

**Major Matthew Cavanaugh** -- U.S. Army strategist and assistant professor at U.S. Military Academy (West Point, N.Y.)

**William Tobin** -- U.S. Army veteran, board of directors for Engility Holdings

**David Gowen** -- U.S. Army veteran, chief executive officer, The greatest casualty is being forgotten. RockTech®

**Edward Meagher** -- U.S. Air Force veteran, chief operating officer, Information Innovators Inc.

**Lieutenant General Richard Tryon**, (Retired) U.S. Marine Corps, former commander Marine Corps Forces Europe

**Scott Di Valerio** -- former chief executive officer, Outerwall

**Joe McHugh** -- U.S. Navy veteran, executive director of advisory services practice, Ernst & Young LLP

## 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](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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