

Houston Astros Pitcher Hosts Wounded Veterans

Scott Feldman Brought Wounded Warrior Project Out to the Ball Game

HOUSTON, Texas (August 25, 2015) -- Houston Astros pitcher Scott Feldman hosted a group of injured veterans and their families for Thursday night's baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays. The game provided the wounded service members a chance to engage with other veterans in a social atmosphere. It also let them watch the American League West Division leading Astros in action.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) helped make the night possible as part of its Alumni program. The program ensures injured service members stay connected with one another. It is part of the 20 free programs and services provided by WWP to help honor and empower Wounded Warriors.

WWP believes there is a distinct difference between members and Alumni. Anyone can pay membership dues to an organization and call themselves a member. The term "alumni" indicates a mutual shared experience and denotes that your place in an organization was earned. WWP Alumni have earned their place in the WWP organization and share common bonds of sacrifice. Furthermore, WWP does not ask for member dues because those who are eligible have already paid their dues on the battlefield.

WWP Alumnus John Cardenas brought his son with him to the game. "We had the chance to spend time with other Alumni, but the highlight of the night was the opportunity to meet Houston Astros pitcher Scott Feldman and a few other players," Cardenas said. "Thanks WWP for an amazing experience my son will never forget."

The Astros honored WWP Alumnus Mike Eyer as "Veteran of the Game." "The Astros put on a great show for us, the night went great, families had an excellent time," Eyer said.

Cardenas and other WWP Alumni had a chance to learn more about the opportunities with WWP as well as spend time with one another. WWP hopes to create support networks for veterans through shared experiences.

The baseball game is one experience they may be able to share again soon. Feldman is hoping to host WWP Alumni for another game before the season ends.

"My son told me this was the best - and his favorite - game he has ever been to," Cardenas said.

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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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