

WWP News & Media: Veteran Group Outings, Charity Events, Helping Vets

## Wounded Service Members See Fossils Firsthand **Injured Veterans Experience History at La Brea Tar Pits**

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (August 28, 2015) – Wounded veterans and their families walked amongst mastodons, saber tooth cats, dire wolves, and condors recently while touring the La Brea Tar Pits. Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) brought injured service members and their families out for a day at the museum to help encourage engagement with other veterans and families.

When a service member is wounded, ill, or injured, it can place tremendous stress on family members. WWP is dedicated to supporting injured veterans and their families, who play an integral part of that service member's life. The WWP Family Support program provides support to ensure family members and caregivers receive the full range of support and benefits of WWP programs and services – all of which are offered free of charge to those WWP serves.

WWP Alumnus Mike Murphy brought his daughter to learn about the fossils. “My daughter and I had a unique and cool first-time experience at the La Brea Tar Pits,” Murphy said. “This time together helped to fill in the gaps and reconnected us with one another after lengths of time lost while serving overseas.”

Service members and their families had the chance to pose with fossils, explore the grounds, and learn about the wildlife that roamed southern California thousands of years ago. The La Brea Tar Pits features more than a million ice age fossils from 650 species.

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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](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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