

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

Wounded Service Members Thrill at the Grill

Injured Veterans Learn the Art of BBQ

RALEIGH, N.C., April 12, 2016 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Wounded veterans learned the finer points to barbecue recently, from a Champion BBQ Pitmaster. Chef Christopher Prieto taught a group of injured service members and their families about chicken and beef ribs.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) scheduled the class to provide a fun, personal setting for wounded veterans and their families. The WWP Alumni program sees gatherings, sporting events, dinners, and community service projects as opportunities to bring injured service members together so they can see they are not alone on their transition to civilian life. More than 100,000 wounded veterans, caregivers, and family members receive access to WWP programs and services, all of which are free of charge.

At the class in Knightdale, North Carolina, the group focused on flavor.

"I made the best chicken you'll ever taste," Army veteran and WWP Alumnus Richard Wall said. "We learned how to pick out the chicken, cut it into different pieces, and what the different parts of the bird are called."

"I learned how I was ruining my meat on the grill until now," Army veteran and WWP Alumnus Anthony Adetoye said. "With this class, I learned how to fix it along with flavor profiles, seasonings, and cooking temperatures."

Along with lessons on the grill, the wounded service members enjoyed spending time together.

"The class was great, the fellowship with other wounded veterans is awesome," Richard said.

"The highlight for me was bringing my son," Anthony said. "He also enjoys cooking and has a great time at these events."

Attendees also learned about other WWP programs and services and how they can get involved.

"You cannot deny how much Wounded Warrior Project provides for us veterans," Richard said. "It truly means a lot that there are people out there helping us cope and move forward as we transition to civilian life."

One program that helps wounded service members in that adjustment is Transition Training Academy (TTA). TTA provides new career skills in information technology (IT) for injured veterans, their families, and caregivers. TTA focuses on hands-on courses that will lead to certification in the IT field and increase knowledge and skills with each course. Nearly 450 wounded veterans, their families, and caregivers worked with TTA in February alone.

<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs>

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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