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Wounded Warrior Project Partners with the Invictus Games Orlando 2016

ORLANDO, Fla., April 27, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Invictus Games are coming to Orlando, Florida, and Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) will be there to support the event and the competing wounded veterans.

The Invictus Games are the only international adaptive sports competition for wounded, ill and injured active duty and retired servicemen and women. For years, WWP has funded organizations that share the WWP mission to honor and empower Wounded Warriors, and, this year, WWP is proud to be recognized as an official partner of the Invictus Games Orlando 2016. As part of this partnership, WWP will be providing bicycles that can be modified to meet the needs of the athletes participating in the cycling events as well as other technical support.

"At WWP, we understand the benefits that wounded veterans can experience when they live healthy and active lifestyles," said Maj. Gen. Charlie Fletcher, interim chief operating officer at WWP. "The power of sports can inspire recovery. By partnering with the Invictus Games Orlando 2016, WWP will be able to help generate a wider understanding and respect for injured service members and the challenges they face after combat. We are proud to partner with this amazing event and are excited by the competitive platform it provides injured service members. The Games give wounded warriors a chance to come together and demonstrate their amazing athleticism and determination."

From May 8-12, Orlando and ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex will host more than 500 competitors from 14 nations. Competitors will compete in archery, cycling, indoor rowing, power lifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, and wheelchair tennis. To learn more about the event or buy tickets to attend please visit: <https://invictusgames2016.org/>.

"The competitors of the Invictus Games are men and women who have come face-to-face with the reality of making a sacrifice for their country, and suffered life-changing injuries as a result," said Invictus Games Orlando 2016 Organizing Committee Chairman Ken Fisher. "We are glad that Wounded Warrior Project understands this important mission. The commitment WWP is making will directly improve the lives of Invictus competitors from around the world while maintaining respect for the solemn promise we all make to uphold the values of our service members. We thank Wounded Warrior Project for their support and look forward to welcoming the hundreds of competitors who will be competing in the Games.

WWP's support of the Invictus Games is part of the nonprofit's efforts to fund veteran service organizations and opportunities that provide innovative and effective programs and services addressing the most pressing needs of our nation's wounded veterans, their caregivers, and families. Between 2012 and 2015, WWP devoted nearly \$11 million to more than 90 organizations that share WWP's vision of fostering the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. To learn more, visit:

<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/community-partners>.

About Wounded Warrior Project

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. The purpose of WWP 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, free of charge. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville,

Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

About Invictus Games Orlando 2016

The Invictus Games are the only international adaptive sporting event for injured active duty and veteran service members. The Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect of all those who serve their country as well as their families and caregivers. More than 500 competitors from 14 countries will compete in 10 adaptive sports. The Invictus Games Orlando 2016 are presented by Jaguar Land Rover. The Official Supporters are the Walt Disney Company, Fisher House Foundation, Fisher Bothers, Sage, Coca-Cola, Deloitte, WWP, Experience Kissimmee, Capital One, Invacare and Ottobock. Fans can learn more about the Invictus Games and buy tickets by visiting <https://invictusgames2016.org/tickets/>.

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