

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

## Natural Wonders: Wounded Warrior Project Families Meet at Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., July 14, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- During a recent Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) program gathering, warriors and their families had an up-close-and-personal experience at Niagara Falls, one of the nation's most awe-inspiring natural wonders.

With the falls at peak season, the participants were treated to a true adventure via private guided tours. While taking in the beauty of their surroundings, they enjoyed the company of like-minded individuals who have gone through similar experiences while serving in the military.

Program activities such as this one support the long-term recovery needs of injured veterans by reintroducing them and their families to a social setting and the unique bonds experienced during military service.

"I participate in almost all programs in my area, and my fiancée and I travel to events outside of our area about once a month," said Air Force veteran Robert McLaughlin of Pennsylvania. "We know that these events give us the chance to connect with other veterans and families in our area. It's tough finding people who understand what you've been through – the WWP staff and warriors who attend these program gatherings understand where I am coming from. Being able to relax and have a good time in that kind of environment makes a big difference."

Robert said events like this are important because they include the families of injured veterans, which makes warriors more willing to get out of their homes and participate.

"The best way to engage veterans is through their families," he said. "From one veteran to another, I don't always like getting out, but when my family is involved, it's different."

During event activities, WWP program specialists closely interact with attendees and advise them of additional services that provide personalized therapeutic outlets. Generous donors make it possible for wounded warriors to participate in a rich variety of empowering activities – at no cost to them.

### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. The WWP 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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