

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

Wounded Warrior Project Set Annual Record **More than \$71 Million to Injured Veterans in 2016**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 16, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Veterans with service-related health issues receive instant relief as Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) sets an unprecedented record, securing more than \$71 million in annualized monetary benefits for wounded service members in fiscal year 2016 – an annual high for the organization – with more than six weeks remaining in the year. With long-term financial and medical support playing a critical empowerment role in the recovery process, WWP created the Benefits Service program, helping injured veterans navigate the complexities of the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to obtain the care they need.

With a success rate above 90 percent in fiscal year 2016 thus far, WWP reaches into local communities through a variety of program events, filing thousands of claims each year and immediately changing the lives of injured veterans, their families, and caregivers. Benefits Claim Day is one of the events gaining traction across the nation as an innovative collaboration between WWP and the VA.

"Wounded Warrior Project is breaking through organizational boundaries and putting injured veterans first," said John Roberts, executive vice president of WWP Warrior Relations. "This is an innovative opportunity that places a veteran face-to-face with a WWP staff member and the VA representative, who impacts the outcome of their claim."

The success of the WWP Benefits Service program lies in its efforts to ensure claims are filed and processed correctly – the first time.

"Through the generous support of our donors, WWP is able to provide our warriors with professional staff who are committed to better understanding injured veterans' unique needs. They are experts in the veteran claims process, advising warriors of benefit options, filing benefit claims, and helping to obtain necessary evidence," said Mike Linnington, WWP chief executive officer. "The staff stays connected with these heroes through the entire claim lifecycle."

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.

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