

Wounded Warrior Project Takes Veterans to Annual Parade

Warriors March Through NYC Streets

NEW YORK, Nov. 17, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Hundreds of thousands of people lined Fifth Avenue in New York City Friday to thank the men and women who served our country. Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) brought hundreds of warriors and their families to take part in America's Parade as a way to honor them.

Gatherings like this Veterans Day parade provide an opportunity for wounded veterans to make new connections and enhance their support structure. In a WWP survey of the injured warriors it serves, more than half of survey respondents (51.7 percent) talked with fellow Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn veterans to address their mental health issues.

Children of veterans shared their take on the day during the parade.

"Veterans Day to me is the day when I thank all men and women who served our great country," said one daughter of an Army veteran.

"Veterans Day is a day we just celebrate our parents and people who have fought for us," the son of another veteran shared.

Whether standing on the WWP float or marching alongside it, the men and women who took part in the annual event in Manhattan felt the love of a crowd that gathered to show support for the country's armed service members.

"To me, Veterans Day is freedom and celebration," one warrior said.

Another warrior echoed something often heard at the parade: "Veterans Day is every day."

To learn more about how WWP's programs and services are making an impact on the lives of wounded warriors, visit <http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/>. To find photos from this event, click on multimedia, then images, then look in the Veterans Day section.

About Wounded Warrior Project

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors. WWP connects wounded warriors and their families to valuable resources and one another, serves them through a variety of free programs and services, and empowers them to live life on their own terms. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MONddmEQXN8

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