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

Veterans Catch Action on the Ice with Wounded Warrior Project

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Feb. 13, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The New York Islanders hockey team has settled in its new home in Brooklyn, and injured veterans recently got to see them in action during a Wounded Warrior Projec® (WWP) outing at Barclays Center. As warriors watched the Islanders take on the Florida Panthers, they made the most of the opportunity to connect with fellow veterans.

More than 50 warriors and guests began their evening at a popular Latin eatery, where they reconnected with old friends, made new ones, and talked about helpful programs with WWP staff members. After dinner, the group headed to the arena. The game was a close one, and while the Islanders fell 2-1, participants still enjoyed the chance to get out among their brothers and sisters in arms.

"I'm a big sports fan," said Army and Army National Guard veteran Edil Carror. "But the thing I liked most about this gathering was having dinner with my fellow wounded warriors. It's always great to catch up and see how their lives are going."

These connection activities support the long-term recovery needs of warriors by reintroducing them and their families to the bonds experienced during military service. In a <u>WWP survey</u> of the injured warriors it serves, more than half of survey respondents (51.7 percent) talked with fellow veterans to address their mental health issues.

"My family has participated in many Wounded Warrior Project events, and that keeps us connected with military families," Edil said. "This support system can't be found anywhere else."

WWP programs and services assist injured veterans with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, and connecting with other warriors. Generous donors make it possible for wounded warriors to take part in outreach activities and benefit from program resources at no cost to them.

"It's important that people know how much veterans appreciate their support through events like this," Edil said. "I am grateful to be a part of Wounded Warrior Project."

To learn more about how WWP's programs and services connect, serve, and empower wounded warriors, visit https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/.

About Wounded Warrior Project

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