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Wounded Warrior Project Joins Warrior Wellness Alliance

Alliance Brings Together Health Providers and Veteran Networks to Advance Delivery of Quality Care

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 3, 2017 / PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) announced today it has joined the George W. Bush Institute's Warrior Wellness Alliance, furthering its commitment to support veterans through mental health programs and resources that empower them to live life on their terms.

Through the Warrior Wellness Alliance, WWP will work alongside innovative health care providers and peer-topeer veterans service organizations to increase the number of warriors receiving high-quality, comprehensive, and effective treatment for the invisible wounds of war.

"Since its inception, Wounded Warrior Project has dedicated itself to reducing real and perceived barriers to care," said WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington. "Although the number of veterans facing mental health issues increases daily, the stigma surrounding invisible injuries persists. This collaboration will allow us to not only enhance access to critical programs and treatment options but also increase awareness and amplify messages of understanding and hope."

WWP's Warrior Care Network[®] partners will participate in the Warrior Wellness Alliance, including Emory's Veterans Program at Emory University; the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program; Operation Mend Program at University of California; and Road Home Program at Rush University Medical Center. Other organizations in the alliance include Team RWB, Team Rubicon, and the Cohen Veterans Network.

Participation in the Warrior Wellness Alliance will complement WWP's ongoing efforts to serve veterans and their families through programs helping with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, and connecting with other warriors and their communities.

About Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project[®] (WWP) connects, serves, and empowers wounded warriors. Read more at https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/.

About the George W. Bush Institute

Housed within the George W. Bush Presidential Center, the George W. Bush Institute is an action-oriented, nonpartisan policy organization with the mission of developing leaders, advancing policy, and taking action to solve today's most pressing challenges. The George W. Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative (MSI) helps post-9/11 veterans and their families make a successful transition to civilian life with a focus on gaining meaningful employment and overcoming the invisible wounds of war. Successful transitions enable a generation of resourceful, determined and experienced leaders to serve and lead our nation for decades to come.

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