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

Veteran Finds Healing and Camaraderie with Wounded Warrior Project **Organization Counts Up to 100,000 Registered Warriors**

FORT CARSON, Colo., March 8, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Jeremy Franklin's recovery with Wounded Warrior Project[®] (WWP) started long before he retired from the military. Injuries suffered during his Army career meant he would not make it to traditional military retirement age.

"I had no idea I would be getting medically separated before my full 20 years," Jeremy said. "I was able to make it 15 years, but due to my injuries, I am being medically retired."

The Army sent him to the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Carson two years ago, where Jeremy got what he calls the best advice.

"I knew of Wounded Warrior Project because of TV commercials, and when I got to Fort Carson, someone suggested I sign up."

When Jeremy registered, he became the 25,000th warrior to enroll with WWP. Now, the Jacksonville, Floridabased nonprofit is preparing to register its 100,000th veteran, a milestone that helps show the increasing needs of today's generation of warriors.

WWP connects warriors with other veterans and their communities. It serves these men and women with lifesaving programs and services. This empowers them to live life on their terms.

For Jeremy, it allowed him to find new ways to heal. Through WWP, he has been able to snowshoe around Colorado Springs, he has literally climbed mountains, and he has learned to play guitar through music therapy classes.

"It's so much more than guitar. It's talking and unraveling – and asking questions and blowing off steam. It has helped me get through stressful situations. Plus, I can play a little guitar now."

Jeremy has also connected with other warriors in the Colorado area.

"Every event I attend, I meet someone new. We are always willing to help one another and talk. To me, Wounded Warrior Project means I will always have a group that has the well-being of me and my veteran community in mind. It is great that I can see events every week that pique my interest and know they will be put on with passion and a willingness to help.

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

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) connects, serves, and empowers wounded warriors.

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