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Wounded Warrior Project Veterans Receive Gaming Packages from Operation Supply Drop

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(WWP) Peer Support Group veterans teamed up with Operation Supply Drop to increase warrior support in McAllen by incorporating a popular pastime among veterans. Through this collaboration, warriors received video game care packages, which will virtually connect them on their paths to recovery. The packages included gaming consoles, controllers, and video games.

"Operation Supply Drop's equipment donation is significant for veterans who don't have much to do in their small towns," said Issac Acosta, WWP Peer Support Group leader and U.S. Army veteran. "As more warriors come together, it will create a larger, stronger support network."

Warrior-to-warrior peer support plays an important role in the healing process as it allows injured veterans to build relationships based on shared experiences. The [Peer Support](#) program is dedicated to ensuring every injured veteran, family member, and caregiver encourages one another in recovery, thus embodying the WWP logo of one warrior carrying another off the battlefield.

"Finding activities to fill downtime hours is common among all deployed veterans," Issac said. "Gaming is a way to reinforce the camaraderie developed in platoons and increase morale. This familiarity with gaming continues when warriors reintegrate into society. Upon returning from deployments, playing video games allows warriors much-needed respite while engaged with one another."

"It is our core belief that working with other veteran support organizations creates a positive impact for all veterans," said Ray Whitaker, chief operating officer of Operation Supply Drop and retired Army veteran. "Meeting some of the Peer Support Groups makes our support of this program an easy one. Our entire gaming community helps us yearly so we can support those deployed and bring the power of video games to active-duty, veterans, and their families. It is our pleasure to help provide another tool to the Peer Support Group when helping rehabilitate our brothers and sisters."

To learn more about how WWP's programs and services make an impact on the lives of wounded warriors, visit <http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org>. To find photos from WWP Peer Support Groups across the nation, click on multimedia, images, then warrior connection and outreach.

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