

Wounded Warrior Project Veterans Enjoy Splendor of Historic Plantation

CHARLESTON, S.C., June 2, 2017 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Cristian Rodriguez doesn't have a green thumb ... yet.

A recent Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) trip to the historic Magnolia Plantation and Gardens empowered the Marine Corps veteran to spruce up his new home with colorful flowers and bushes.

"I'm motivated to do some gardening once we move into our new home," Cristian said. "Everything was so beautiful; the old trees were incredible. It was so peaceful and relaxing, and it was very therapeutic for me and my family. It's always comforting to see my children laugh and have a good time."

Veterans and their families made new connections with one another while enjoying the plantation that was built in 1676. In addition to the gardens, participants visited a petting zoo and took train rides around the 390-acre property.

"You don't feel so alone when you're with other families with similar needs," Army Reserve veteran Lisa Yanity said. "It's nice when you're around other veterans and you don't feel any pressure."

WWP program events offer settings that provide opportunities for injured veterans to form bonds. The programs assist injured veterans with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, connecting warriors with one another and their communities, and long-term care for the most seriously wounded.

Although Army veteran Jeremy Duckett was amazed by the beauty of white peacocks that roamed the gardens, he said spending time with his family in a uniquely relaxing environment created the fondest memory.

"I love getting out of the house and spending quality time with my family," he said. "We love these Wounded Warrior Project activities, and everyone had a great time."

Gatherings like a day at the picturesque gardens give wounded warriors an opportunity to experience firsthand what is possible at social gatherings that get them out of the house and connect them with fellow service members and their communities.

To learn and see more about how WWP's programs and services connect, serve, and empower wounded warriors, visit <http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/>, and click on multimedia.

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