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Wounded Warrior Project Helps Local Warriors with VA Benefit Compensation

TAMPA, Fla., June 8, 2017 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Veterans with service-related health issues received instant, face-to-face attention when Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) held a Benefits Claims Day at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Tampa, Florida.

"The VA finally approved an increase for my disability," said Holly Bolesky, U.S. Air Force veteran and local Tampa resident. "This includes a long time of back pay of more than \$5,000."

Holly is among more than 90 percent of warriors who have had successful VA claims processed with the help of WWP. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, WWP secured \$4 million more in monetary benefits than in the first quarter of fiscal year 2016.

With long-term financial health support playing a critical, empowering role in the recovery process, WWP's Benefits Service program helps injured veterans navigate the complexities of the Department of Defense and VA. With the support of generous donors, WWP reaches out to local communities through a variety of events, filing thousands of claims each year. Benefits Claims Day is one of the events gaining traction across the nation as an innovative collaboration between WWP and VA.

"Our VA Benefits Claims Day is by far one of our most successful and collaborative events thus far," said Jim Roos, WWP Benefits Services regional director. "It has only been a few days since the event, and we have already seen lives changed. Many more claims will roll in throughout the coming days and weeks, and the impact will continue to grow."

As a VA-accredited organization, WWP works individually with warriors to understand their unique needs, provide information on the claims process, advise them of benefit options, file benefit claims, and help obtain necessary evidence. The staff stays connected with these injured veterans through the entire claims life cycle.

"Wounded Warrior Project is my hero," Holly said. "I can personally tell you that they did this right the first time! They were highly organized, professional, and sensitive to my feelings. Kudos. Job well done!"

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

About Wounded Warrior Project

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