

Wounded Warrior Project Helps NYC Veterans File Benefits Claims

Warriors Receive Face-to-Face Meetings with VA Representatives

NEW YORK, Aug. 2, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Veterans with service-related health issues received instant relief when Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) held a Benefits Claims Day at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional office in New York City.

"My claim was open since 2012," said Carlos Gonzalez, U.S. Army wounded warrior and local NYC resident. "Wounded Warrior Project took me to this event and put me in front of the VA representative who was going to review my claim – I had a decision the same day."

Carlos' approval came with more than \$38,000 in retroactive benefits service pay the following day.

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.

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.

"I did everything right and still ended up struggling to get the benefits I earned," Carlos said. "No veteran should have to fight for what is already theirs. Never be afraid to go outside the box and get help – I'm lucky to have had WWP in my corner."

WWP programs and services assist injured veterans with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, and connecting with other warriors and their communities. Generous donors make it possible for wounded warriors to benefit from program resources at no cost to them.


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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