

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

Wounded Warrior Project Looks Ahead to Serving More Warriors in 2018 **New Year Marks Milestone for Veterans' Charity**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 4, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) steps into its 15th year grateful for the opportunity to continue serving more than 135,000 injured veterans, their family members, and caregivers.

WWP connects injured veterans with its free programs, one another, and community resources. In 2017, the veterans' charity engaged more than 341,000 times with warriors, their families, and caregivers. WWP made more than 109,000 wellness checks, and more than 5 million copies of the weekly email newsletter reached warriors. These connections are important. In the most recent survey of the veterans WWP serves, four in five specifically mentioned social engagement and support as key factors in their rehabilitation and recovery. In short, connecting warriors with fellow veterans through WWP programs and services helps eliminate the isolation many wounded warriors feel as they return to civilian communities, and it helps connect them with additional programs and services that assist in their recoveries.

WWP programs focus on mental and physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, and long-term care for the most seriously wounded warriors. Warrior Care Network®, an innovative collaboration between WWP and four top academic medical centers, provided more than 42,000 hours of clinical mental health care in 2017. Other mental health efforts reached thousands of veterans through outdoor, multi-day mental health workshops and telephone support. Physical health programs are addressing obesity (nearly nine in 10 registered warriors qualify as obese).

"2017 has been a year to focus on increasing impact for the warriors we serve while growing our partnerships with nonprofit, for-profit and government organizations," said WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington. "Wounded Warrior Project has been able to make a significant impact in its first 15 years, and we look forward to being more impactful over the next 15 years and beyond."

WWP empowers injured veterans to live on their terms and mentor other veterans. Career and benefits counseling has made a significant impact by helping warriors earn and receive more than \$180 million in income and benefits just in 2017.

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

About Wounded Warrior Project

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