

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

WWP Assists Warriors Transitioning to Civilian Life at Fort Stewart

FORT STEWART, Ga., Feb. 22, 2018 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Veterans with service-related health issues received face-to-face assistance from Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) during a Soldier and Family Assistance Center Semi-Annual Growth Progression Strength (GPS) event at Fort Stewart, Georgia. WWP's Benefits Service team has set an unprecedented record, securing more than \$85.4 million in annualized monetary benefits for wounded warriors in fiscal year 2017 alone.

With a success rate of 91 percent this past fiscal year, WWP's Benefits Service program helps injured veterans navigate the complexities of the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to obtain the care they need.

Heri Marrero is a 25-year Army veteran who previously received assistance from WWP during a similar event. He explained his frustration filing for VA benefits on his own and not receiving the personal assistance he needed until WWP stepped in to help.

"Thanks to Wounded Warrior Project, I was recognized for 90 percent of my 20 medical conditions," Heri said.

WWP's Benefits Service team is now regularly attending Fort Stewart GPS events to ensure veterans are well-prepared for their transitions to the civilian world. WWP actively files thousands of claims each year and often immediately changes the lives of injured veterans, their families, and caregivers.

"Long-term financial and medical support play a critical empowerment role in the recovery process," said WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington. "Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Wounded Warrior Project can provide injured veterans with expert assistance in benefit options, filing benefits claims, and obtaining necessary the evidence."

The GPS event at Fort Stewart paid off – teams representing WWP programs and services conducted nearly 100 one-on-one interviews to better understand the unique needs of each veteran and his or her family and caregiver. WWP will return to Fort Stewart on a monthly basis to help those warriors transitioning from military service to the civilian world.

To learn and see more about how WWP's programs and services connect, serve, and empower wounded warriors, visit our [newsroom](#).

About Wounded Warrior Project

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