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

Injured Veterans Connect and Exercise During Laser Tag

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 22, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Warriors and their guests enjoyed challenging laser tag games with Wounded Warrior Project[®] (WWP), while making new friends and reconnecting with old friends in a

comfortable environment.

"I like <u>socializing with other warriors</u> because we can relate," said Army veteran Deren Alldaffer. "My son and I

really enjoyed this laser combat event, which was actually played in a realistic town setting. It's great to spend

family time together, and I'm extremely grateful."

Warriors dodged their way through close-combat scenarios in multiple rounds of laser tag in the 17,000 square-

foot arena. They also got to know other veterans living near them.

"My wife and I were excited about being able to experience this unique gathering with my two young boys and

my fellow Wounded Warrior Project veterans," said Paul Garrison, who served in the Army. "Some I've met

before, and some were new faces."

<u>WWP connects warriors with one another</u>, their families, and communities. It serves warriors through lifesaving

programs and services targeting mental and physical health, career and benefits counseling, and support for

the most severely wounded. WWP empowers warriors to mentor other veterans and live life on their terms.

"I appreciate everything Wounded Warrior Project has done for me and my family," Paul said, "and I know their

support will continue to help us in the future."

Activities like team laser tag and socializing with other veterans can help injured warriors cope with stress and

emotional concerns. In a WWP survey (https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/survey) of the injured warriors it

serves, more than half of survey respondents (51.6 percent) expressed they talk with fellow veterans to address

their mental health issues, and 30.3 percent indicated physical activity helps.

WWP has been connecting, serving, and empowering wounded warriors for 15 years. To learn more, visit

http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org.

About Wounded Warrior Project

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