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Wounded Warrior Project Partners with National Military Family Association to Support Military Families

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Wounded Warrior Project<sup>®</sup> (WWP) announced a new multi-year grant to the National Military Family Association (NMFA), a nonprofit that helps military families meet the unique challenges of military life. Through their work, NMFA strengthens and protect millions of families through its advocacy and programs. They also provide spouse scholarships, camps for military kids, and retreats for families reconnecting after deployment and for the families of the wounded, ill, or injured.

This \$750,000 in funding will provide resources for NMFA (https://www.militaryfamily.org) to:

- Send 1,600 children to Operation Purple Camp, a specialized summer camp for military children whose parents have recently deployed, are planning to deploy, or are coping with an injury.
- Enable up to 200 family members of wounded servicemembers to attend Operation Purple Healing Adventures retreats.

"The National Military Family Association has supported the military community for almost 50 years – advising decision-makers and government officials, and providing direct support to families," said René Bardorf, WWP senior vice president of government and community relations. "These camps provide military kids all over the country an opportunity to connect with each other, prepare for their parent's deployment, and cope with the stresses of being a military kid. We're proud to work with NMFA on this important effort."

"We are grateful for <u>Wounded Warrior Project's continued support of military children and families</u>," said Joyce Wessel Raezer, NMFA Executive Director. "Operation Purple Camps are free, weeklong camps at 15 locations across the country, where kids can be around others who understand them. They don't have to explain the many moves, transitions, or stress of deployments and injuries – they get to just be kids. Wounded Warrior Project is also a strong supporter of Operation Purple Healing Adventures, which are camp experiences for wounded, ill, or injured families that leave them more connected and better equipped to face the challenges ahead. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of America's military families."

Camp applications can be submitted beginning March 4, but the list of Operation Purple Camp locations is available today at <a href="https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/operation-purple/operation-purple-camp">https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/operation-purple/operation-purple-camp</a>.

<u>Since 2012, WWP has partnered with over 120 organizations</u> involved in the care of America's military community by providing more than \$74 million in grants. To learn more about how WWP partnerships with organizations like NMFA are improving the lives of millions of warriors and their families, visit <a href="https://wwp.news/Newsroom">https://wwp.news/Newsroom</a>.

## **About Wounded Warrior Project**

Since 2003, Wounded Warrior Project<sup>®</sup> (WWP) has been meeting the growing needs of warriors, their families, and caregivers – helping them achieve their highest ambition. Learn more: http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us.

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