

Wounded Warrior Project's Mission Continues Nearly 20 Years Later **Veterans Charity Impacting Lives Through Free Programs and Services**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 11, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- While the nation has ended most military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, the effects of war can last a lifetime. That's why Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) remains focused on breaking down barriers to mental health care, helping injured veterans find new civilian careers, providing long-term rehabilitative care for the most severely injured, and advocating for policies to improve the lives of millions of warriors and their families.

WWP has grown to directly serve 200,000 registered warriors and family support members – up from nearly 116,000 just five years ago. Beyond those registered, the organization impacts many more veterans and families through its advocacy, collaboration with other organizations, and investments in programs and research.

[Click here to watch how WWP impacted the lives of veterans and families in 2021.](#)

Recognizing veterans' ongoing needs for mental health support, in 2021, WWP announced [new investments](#) in its [Warrior Care Network](#)® to increase access and reduce barriers to mental health treatment. With this investment, Warrior Care Network will now treat substance use disorder alongside post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition, partner academic medical centers will enhance efforts to diagnose and address traumatic brain injury.

Also in the past year, WWP:

- Helped more than 2,100 warriors and family members find meaningful employment through [Warriors to Work](#).
- Provided [increased support of US Service Members having fought in Afghanistan](#) during and following the troop withdrawal.
- Initiated the [Women Warrior's Initiative](#) to improve support and advocacy for women veterans.
- Helped ensure the [National Global War on Terrorism Memorial](#) will be built on the National Mall and advocated for other legislation, including [access to lifesaving health care for millions of veterans impacted by toxic exposure](#).
- [Increased support for youth caregivers of](#) wounded warriors.
- Introduced its [Rusty Baggett Peer Leader of the Year Award](#) honoring leaders of WWP Peer Support Groups.
- Continued virtual programming while returning to in-person programs and services when safety guidelines allowed. This hybrid approach allowed WWP to better serve warriors and families in a trying time, keeping veterans out of isolation and connected in their communities. As a result, more warriors can take part in free [programs and services](#).

"Wounded Warrior Project is honored to support so many veterans and families," WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.)Mike Linnington said. "This past year, we created more connection opportunities for wounded veterans, invested in critical mental, physical, and financial wellness programs, and provided a voice in Washington for those who have served our country. We remain humbled by the mission we uphold and are grateful for the generous support of the American public, which makes this work possible."

About Wounded Warrior Project

Since 2003, Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) has been meeting the growing needs of warriors, their families, and caregivers — helping them achieve their highest ambition. [Learn more.](#)

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