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Wounded Warrior Project Awarded HIRE Vets Gold Medallion for First Time



JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 15, 2021 — Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor a 2021 HIRE Vets Gold Medallion Award as a veteran employer of choice.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Program recognizes employers for their efforts to recruit, employ, and retain our nation's veterans. Currently, 37% of WWP's employees are veterans. Last year WWP launched the Veterans Engagement Team (VET) to support veterans joining WWP from the military or civilian sectors.

"We are honored to be recognized with the Department of Labor's HIRE Vets Gold Medallion Award," said WWP CEO Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Mike Linnington. "Earning this award further showcases the commitment of our teammates to serve and empower our nation's veterans."

The VET program at WWP comprises veteran teammates that have served in different branches, hold different job roles within WWP, and work around the country in both office and field settings. This program helps new veteran WWP employees with their integration, growth, and long-term success.

"Wounded Warrior Project works diligently to serve warriors, family members, and caregivers," said Alicia Russell, a WWP staff member, Air Force Reservist, and VET member. "I find great fulfillment in supporting the integration, growth, and long-term success of WWP's veteran teammates. Being honored with this award reflects our organization's effort to always stay true to our mission."

In addition to the HIRE Vets Gold Medallion Award, WWP was also recognized this year with:

- VETS Indexes Employer Award: WWP honored as a 4-Star Employer
- The Harris Poll: WWP named the No. 1 Military & Veteran Serving Nonprofit
- The NonProfit Times: WWP selected as the No. 6 Best Large Nonprofit to Work For

To learn more about WWP's awards and recognition, click here.

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About Wounded Warrior Project

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