

YOUR SUPPORT IMPACTS THE LIVES OF WOUNDED WARRIORS

**“THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY.
MY LIFE WOULD
NOT BE WHAT IT
IS TODAY IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
YOUR SUPPORT.”**

— WOUNDED WARRIOR
TANIKI RICHARD,
WITH HER FAMILY



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT**

Two traumatic experiences **Taniki Richard** endured as a U.S. Marine followed her home from Iraq. Despite receiving help to cope with her post-traumatic stress, she still felt alone. She couldn't sleep and was afraid to leave her house. Taniki credits the help she received at a Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) event with changing her life and that of her family. Today, she spends most of her time helping other female warriors find their path toward recovery.



Taniki Richard's story and the stories of thousands of other injured service members are at the root of Wounded Warrior Project's mission – to honor and empower wounded warriors. As this organization evolved over more than a decade, we got to know this generation of warriors and their families. We worked to understand their struggles and anticipate their evolving needs. It was clear from the beginning that given the right resources, warriors are amazingly resilient and can accomplish great things.

For these warriors to realize their greatest potential in the civilian world, we must first connect them with their peers and communities and to programs that address their primary needs. We then serve them through a variety of programs to comprehensively support their growth and transformation. Finally, we empower them – as we state in our mission – to live life to the fullest, to fulfill their dreams, and to take care of their families, just as Taniki continues to do.

This brochure highlights the tremendous impact your support and contributions made in 2016. By supporting injured service members through Wounded Warrior Project, you are not just improving the life of one person, but the lives of those around them, their communities, and the veteran population as a whole. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to fuel the programs and services that change and save lives every day.

Sincerely,



Mike Linnington
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired
Chief Executive Officer
Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project

★ OUR MISSION ★

To honor and empower wounded warriors.

★ HOW WE SERVE ★

CONNECT » SERVE » EMPOWER

★ We **CONNECT** warriors, their families, and caregivers to peers, programs, and communities to ensure they have a readily available network of support.

★ We **SERVE** these groups through free mental and physical health and wellness programs, career and benefits counseling, and by providing ongoing support for the most severely injured.

★ We **EMPOWER** warriors to live life on their own terms, mentor fellow veterans and service members, and embody the WWP logo by carrying one another on a path toward recovery.

Connection

512,130

TOTAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
SINCE INCEPTION



★ 52% ★

OF WARRIORS FEEL
THEY DON'T HAVE CLOSE
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
WITH OTHER PEOPLE

THE CHALLENGE



★ 89% ★

OF WARRIORS INDICATE THAT THEIR
PHYSICAL HEALTH OR EMOTIONAL
PROBLEMS INTERFERED WITH
THEIR NORMAL SOCIAL ACTIVITY

2016 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

During military service, warriors form bonds with one another that are as strong as family ties. WWP helps to reform those relationships by providing wounded warriors opportunities to connect with one another through community events and veteran support groups. We also provide easy access to local and national resources through outreach efforts and with the help of partners.

ALUMNI ★ WWP PACKS ★ OPERATION OUTREACH ★ WWP RESOURCE CENTER

2016 IMPACT



96,359 OUTREACH CALLS



MORE THAN
66,000 WARRIORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED
THROUGH CONNECTION EVENTS



WOUNDED WARRIOR CARLOS DE LEON
(CENTER) WITH HIS FELLOW WARRIORS

Mental Health & Wellness

27,342

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
SINCE INCEPTION

THE CHALLENGE



★ **77%** ★

OF WARRIORS REPORTED EXPERIENCING OR LIVING WITH PTSD



★ **26%** ★

OF WARRIORS SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES IN THEIR COMMUNITY

2016 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

This generation's signature wounds of war are those that can't be seen. WWP offers warriors and their families free programs and services that help treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), combat stress, and other invisible injuries. WWP helps warriors set and achieve mental health goals by providing effective tools and ensuring a fully supportive community and family environment.

COMBAT STRESS RECOVERY PROGRAM ★ PROJECT ODYSSEY® ★ PEER SUPPORT ★ WWP TALK

2016 IMPACT



80%

OF THOSE SERVED SOUGHT FURTHER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A MENTAL HEALTH EVENT



10,560

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERED



WOUNDED WARRIOR **LUKE MURPHY**
WITH HIS WIFE

Physical Health & Wellness

63,291

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
SINCE INCEPTION

THE CHALLENGE



★ **86%** ★

OF WARRIORS ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE



★ **72%** ★

OF WARRIORS REPORTED HAVING BACK, NECK, AND SHOULDER PROBLEMS

2016 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

When wounded warriors commit to making a positive change in their physical recovery, WWP is ready to help. Goal-setting, coaching, skill-building, physical training, cycling, and other opportunities provide the resources warriors need to make long-term changes toward a healthy life.

PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELLNESS ★ SOLDIER RIDE®

2016 IMPACT



18,411

PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



MORE THAN
1,600

WARRIOR AND FAMILY MEMBER PARTICIPANTS SERVED THROUGH SOLDIER RIDE EVENTS



WOUNDED WARRIOR **DANIEL DUMAS**

Career & Benefits Counseling

56,644

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
SINCE INCEPTION

THE CHALLENGE



★ 16% ★

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR
WARRIORS IN THE LABOR
FORCE WHO ARE NOT
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY



★ 34% ★

OF WARRIORS CITED "MENTAL
HEALTH ISSUES" AS A FACTOR
MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO
OBTAIN OR CHANGE JOBS

2016 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

Financial stability is the cornerstone of a thriving recovery. If a warrior isn't financially stable, it's difficult for them to focus on anything else. WWP provides Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) benefits claims assistance to ease the transition to civilian life. We also provide career services to help warriors secure rewarding civilian careers.

BENEFITS SERVICE ★ WARRIORS TO WORK®

2016 IMPACT



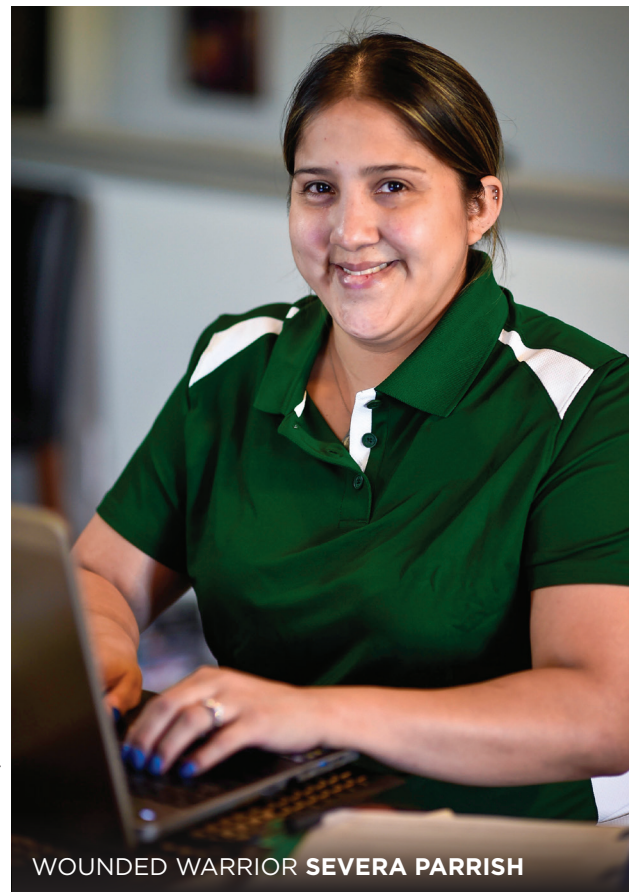
\$94.9M

IN ECONOMIC IMPACT THROUGH
WARRIORS TO WORK



**MORE THAN
2,800**

WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES PLACED INTO
FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, AND UNPAID INTERNSHIPS



WOUNDED WARRIOR **SEVERA PARRISH**

Independence

1,090

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
SINCE INCEPTION

THE CHALLENGE



★ 29% ★

OF WARRIORS NEED THE AID AND
ATTENDANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON
BECAUSE OF THEIR INJURIES
AND HEALTH PROBLEMS



★ 8% ★

OF WARRIORS ARE PERMANENTLY
HOUSEBOUND AS A RESULT OF
THEIR INJURIES

2016 WWP ANNUAL WARRIOR SURVEY

The most severely injured warriors often need specialized care and services. When the government can't cover what the warrior needs, WWP is there. We help ensure these warriors receive the support and resources they need to thrive in the most independent and meaningful way possible.

★ INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ★

2016 IMPACT



602

WARRIORS ENROLLED AND ACTIVE IN
THE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM



488

CAREGIVERS ENROLLED AND ACTIVE IN
THE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM



WOUNDED WARRIOR **JASON EHRHART** (CENTER),
WITH HIS PARENTS PAM AND MIKE ESTES

Together, we're empowering wounded warriors

Empowerment is something different for every person. For some, it's the ability to earn a living. For others, it may be gaining confidence, overcoming fear, or being able to control their emotions. Still others may feel empowered simply by knowing they're not alone – that there are people who care about them and have gone through similar situations. WWP strives to empower each and every warrior by connecting them with programs, services, and people who can make a difference. Because of you, our services are free and designed to equip and motivate warriors to live the WWP logo – empowering them to transition from being the warrior on top, seeking support, to the warrior on the bottom, carrying fellow service members forward.



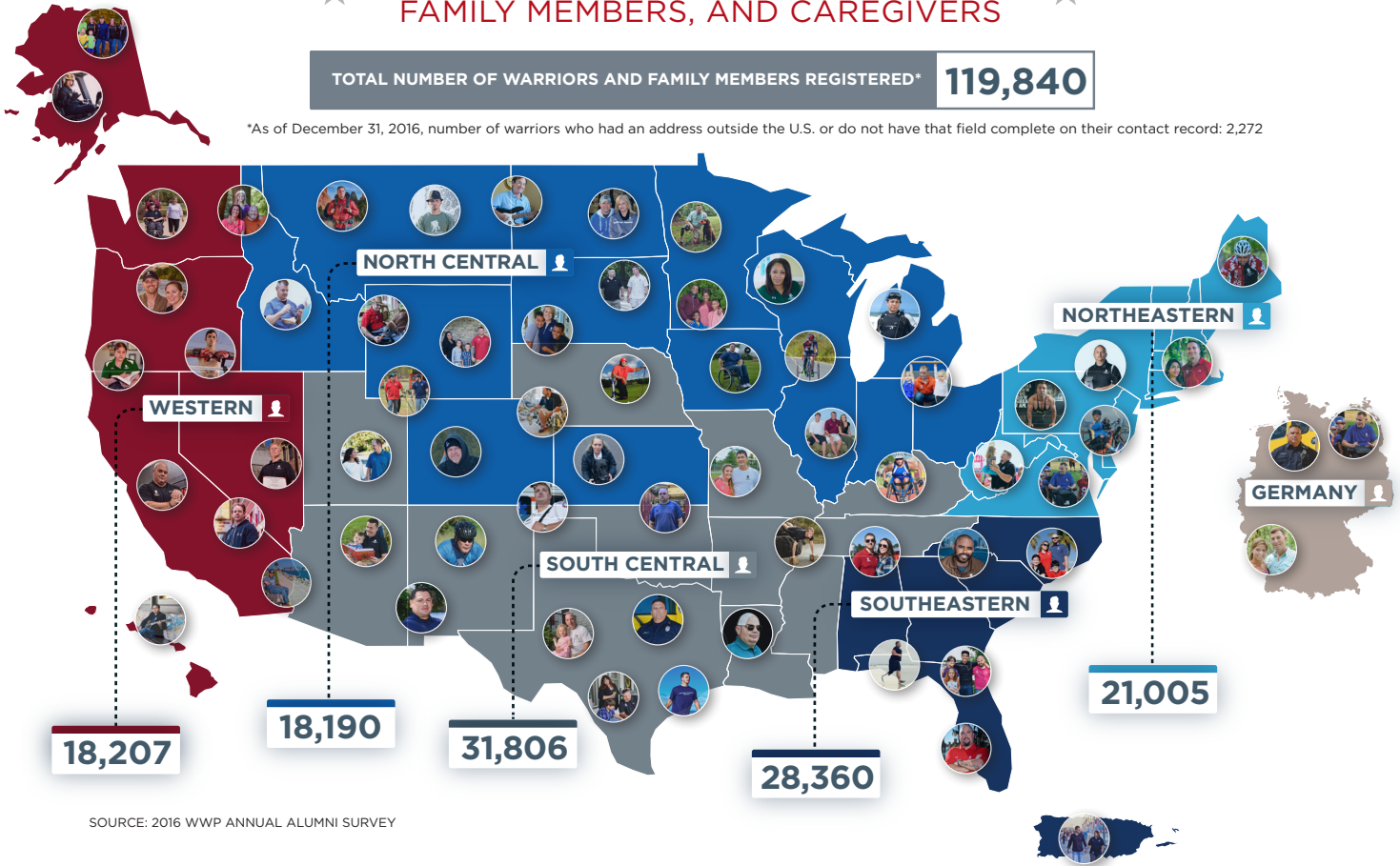
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WHAT IT REALLY MEANS
TO SERVE OTHERS AND
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**— WOUNDED WARRIOR
JOSEPH PIERSTORFF**

★ **GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF WARRIORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND CAREGIVERS** ★

TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRIORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS REGISTERED* **119,840**

*As of December 31, 2016, number of warriors who had an address outside the U.S. or do not have that field complete on their contact record: 2,272



SOURCE: 2016 WWP ANNUAL ALUMNI SURVEY

★ **WWP SERVICE CENTERS** ★

Atlanta, GA
Chicago, IL
Colorado Springs, CO
Fayetteville, NC

Houston, TX
Jacksonville, FL
Landstuhl, Germany
Nashville, TN

New York, NY
Phoenix, AZ
Pittsburgh, PA
San Antonio, TX

San Diego, CA
Seattle, WA
Tampa, FL
Washington, DC

YOUR SUPPORT CONTINUES TO MAKE A POSITIVE, LASTING IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HELP, PLEASE VISIT woundedwarriorproject.org



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