



**MISSION**

To honor and empower wounded warriors

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To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded warriors in our nation's history

**PURPOSE**

To raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**HEADQUARTERS**

The Sacrifice Center serves as Jacksonville, Florida headquarters; additional program offices are located throughout the United States and specific locations can be found at woundedwarriorproject.org.

**ESTABLISHED**

2003 in Roanoke, Virginia; relocated to Jacksonville, Florida in 2006

**HISTORY**

Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) began when several veterans and friends, moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, took action to help others in need. What started as a program to provide comfort items to wounded service members has grown into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they recover and transition back to civilian life. Tens of thousands of wounded warriors and caregivers receive support each year through WWP programs designed to nurture the mind and body, and encourage economic empowerment.

**PROGRAMS**

Our programs are uniquely structured to nurture the mind and body, and economic empowerment and engagement.

**MIND**

**Combat Stress Recovery Program** addresses mental health needs of our warriors and the key issues linked to combat stress including stigma and access to care. These signature, yet invisible, injuries are addressed through innovative programming and therapeutic options for the various stages of the re-adjustment process like Project Odyssey and WWP Restore.

**Family Support** offers respite programs for family, spouses and/or caregivers through weekend retreats.

**BODY**

**Physical Health & Wellness** programs optimize the physical and psychological well-being of warriors through comprehensive recreation and sports programs, physical health promotion strategies, physical rehabilitation, and legislative policy change. The program serves all warriors including those with amputations, spinal cord injuries, burns, visual impairments, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD and other cognitive or mental health conditions. Soldier Ride is an initiative that provides adaptive cycling opportunities across the country to help warriors restore their physical and emotional well-being.

**WWP Backpacks** contain essential care and comfort items including clothing, toiletries, calling cards; all designed to make a warrior's hospital stay more comfortable. The backpacks are provided to severely wounded service members arriving at military trauma centers. Transitional Care Packs, a smaller version, are sent directly to Iraq and Afghanistan to provide immediate comfort during a warrior's relocation to a U.S. military trauma center.

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**ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

**TRACK** is the first education center in the nation designed specifically for wounded warriors. This student-centric learning and training community that empowers wounded warriors in mind, body, and spirit through a unique collaboration of partners in a comfortable and innovative environment. TRACK is a one-year, on-site program in Jacksonville, Florida, and San Antonio, Texas with both academic and vocational training.

**Campus Services** prepares warriors for success by helping them achieve their educational goals. Wounded warriors have different needs than typical students because of the institutional obstacles they face due to combat stress, accessibility to learning models, and social turbulence. Comprehensive policies are needed to create a stable and supportive environment.

**Transition Training Academy (TTA)** provides warriors with innovative information technology (IT) training. Created as a joint effort with the Department of Labor, Cisco Systems, and WWP, the program helps warriors explore IT as a potential career field. The program develops new career skills with real-world applications to empower warriors during their transition to the civilian workforce.

**Warriors to Work** assists warriors with their transition to the civilian workforce. The program offers a complete package of employment assistance services including individual counseling and resume assistance.

**ENGAGEMENT**

**Alumni** offers a range of programs and events designed for individuals' needs during and beyond their hospital stay. WWP Alumni offers assistance, communication, and camaraderie for wounded warriors as they continue life beyond injury. Throughout the year, WWP offers a wide range of activities including educational sessions, sporting and social events, and free Veterans Advantage membership, which provides discounts on services and products.

**Benefits Service** ensures warriors and their families have information and access not only to government benefits, but also to our full range of programs and the community resources necessary for successfully transitioning to life after injury. A key part of this program is support and education for warriors, their family members and caregivers.

**International Support** provides comfort items to service members in Europe and downrange. We have created a groundbreaking resiliency program supporting the dedicated personnel who care for the wounded and their families in the first days and weeks after injury. This program increases the hospital staff's morale at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), and other hospitals through a poster and video campaign with warrior success stories.

**Peer Mentoring** is often the most positive influence during a wounded warrior's initial recovery. Through the friendship and understanding of a fellow wounded warrior, the newly injured know someone has traveled before them on the same rocky road. WWP Peer Mentors are trained to be resources, listeners and "hospital buddies" who can share their understanding and perspective with the warrior and their family.

**Policy & Government Affairs** provides a voice to the thousands of warriors we represent at the Federal level. WWP creates, advocates for and helps to implement legislation that will maintain warriors and their families far into the future and keeps warriors informed about changes in laws and programs that will impact them.

**Resource Center** responds to specific internal and external resource requests and proactively reaches out to warriors and caregivers to engage them in available programs and services.

**Warriors Speak** program is a prestigious group of wounded warriors and caregivers who have been selected to share their personal, inspirational stories of courage and integrity with the public. Audiences include civic organizations, social clubs, business groups, and conferences.

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