



# FACT SHEET

## MISSION

To honor and empower Wounded Warriors

## PURPOSE

To raise awareness and 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

## VISION

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

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## HOME BASE

Jacksonville, Florida serves as WWP's home base and is also the location of our Sacrifice Center, a museum space that uses the words of warriors and their families to tell their stories of empowerment. Additional program offices are located throughout the United States and can be found at [woundedwarriorproject.org/visit-us](http://woundedwarriorproject.org/visit-us).

## 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 them as they recover and transition back to civilian life. Tens of thousands of Wounded Warriors and family members receive support each year through WWP programs organized holistically around four main areas — engagement, mind, body, and economic empowerment.

## PROGRAMS



### ENGAGEMENT

**Alumni** offers a range of programs and events designed for individuals' needs during and beyond their hospital stay. The WWP Alumni program 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.

**Benefits Service** ensures Wounded 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 Wounded Warriors and their family members.

**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 service members 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 Wounded Warrior success stories.

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

**Resource Center** responds to specific internal and external resource requests and proactively reaches out to Wounded Warriors and their family members to engage them in available programs and services.



## MIND

**Combat Stress Recovery Program** addresses mental health needs of Wounded 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 stages of the re-adjustment process like Project Odyssey™ and Restore Warriors®.

**Project Odyssey™** uses the healing power of nature, along with support from mental health professionals and staff, to help Wounded Warriors gain perspective on life through outdoor activities and retreats.

**Restore Warriors®** is an anonymous website for warriors and families looking for information and practical advice about living with combat stress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

**Family Support** When a warrior faces challenges, the family experiences those challenges along with the warrior. WWP reaches out to the family members who suddenly find they are serving as full-time supporters or caregivers.

**Peer Support** 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 and listeners who can share their understanding and perspective with the Wounded Warrior and their family.

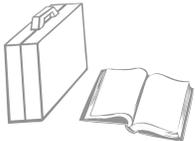


## BODY

**Physical Health & Wellness** programs optimize the physical and psychological well-being of Wounded Warriors through comprehensive recreation and sports programs, physical health promotion strategies, and physical rehabilitation. The program serves all Wounded Warriors including those with amputations, spinal cord injuries, burns, visual impairments, traumatic brain injuries (TBI), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other cognitive or mental health conditions.

**Soldier Ride®** is an initiative that provides adaptive cycling opportunities across the country to help Wounded Warriors restore their physical and emotional well-being.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



**Campus Services** prepares Wounded Warriors for success by helping them achieve 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.

**TRACK™** is the first education center in the nation designed specifically for Wounded Warriors. This student-centric learning and training community 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.

**Transition Training Academy™** (TTA) provides Wounded Warriors with innovative information technology (IT) training. Created as a joint effort with Raytheon, the program helps Wounded Warriors explore IT as a potential career field. The program develops new career skills with real-world applications to empower Wounded Warriors during their transition to the civilian workforce.

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

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