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### **Texas A&M Military Symposium**

★★★ How can we assist in serving the Warriors and Family Members on your campuses and in your communities?



# **\* \* \*** WHO WE SERVE





- Veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veterans aren't the only ones who face challenges transitioning back to civilian life – families and caregivers need support too!
- Registration to become a WWP Alumni or Family Support member is free of charge along with the programs available to you.





## CONNECTION



#### Alumni Program

- 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 terms, mentor fellow veterans and service members, and embody the WWP logo by carrying one another on a path toward recovery.





#### **Peer Support**

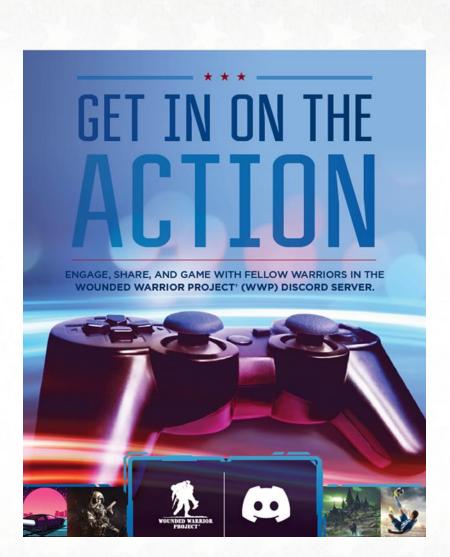
- ☆ The groups help you connect with other warriors in your own community.
- Peer Support Groups can lead warriors to new friendships and provide a renewed sense of community that's often missing after service.
- $\Rightarrow$  Groups meet all throughout the country.
  - ☆ Over 100+ groups nationwide
  - $\,\, \mbox{\ensuremath{\scale}\xspace}$  Face to face groups available
  - $\Rightarrow$  Virtual groups available
  - $\Rightarrow$  Women only groups available





#### Gaming Team

- Designed to cultivate a community where our warriors can connect and forge relationships at whatever level of engagement they are looking for.
- ☆ WWP Discord Server
  - ☆ Discord.gg/WoundedWarriorProject
- ☆ Offers both virtual and in person experiences.
  - ☆ Tournaments
  - ☆ Gaming With Family
  - Professional development classes for livestreaming and gaming industry
  - $\doteqdot$  Outreach and E-sports
- ☆ Women who game initiative.
- Understanding and accessing programs and services through gamification.





DUNDED WARRIOR

#### **Resource Center**

The WWP Resource Center (RC) is a multichannel contact center where RC teammates answer questions and provide information to warriors, caregivers, and their families to help connect them to WWP programs, services, and external resources.

888.WWP.ALUM (997.2586) or 904.405.1213

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm EST

Website:

https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/w wp-resource-center





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# FINANCIAL WELLNESS



#### Warriors to Work

- ☆ Career Counseling
- Resume Writing Assistance
- ☆ Military Skills Translation
- ☆ Networking
- $\Rightarrow$  Job Leads
- ☆ Post-Employment Counseling
- ☆ Interview Preparation
- ☆ Training Resources





#### **Financial Education**

Our Financial Education program empowers warriors to take charge of and manage their finances to build a strong foundation for themselves and their families. The program offers a variety of opportunities such as educational seminars, one-on-one counseling, and online resources that equip warriors with the tools and support they need to achieve financial wellness today, and for a better tomorrow.









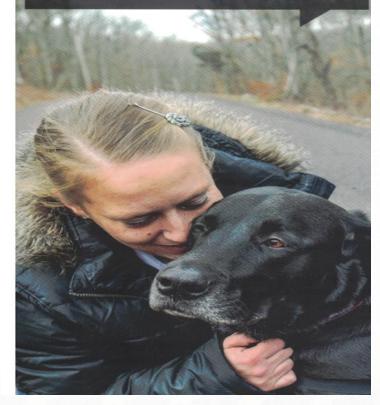
#### WWP TALK

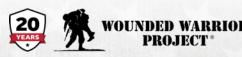
#### We're a phone call away...

- $\Rightarrow$  Provides a listening ear and a safe, non-judgmental outlet.
- During a Warrior or caregiver's participation, they build resilience, develop coping skills, and achieve goals that will improve their quality of life.
- Many who participate in the program also develop improved relationships with friends and loved ones.
- rightarrow TALK
  - ☆ Talk once a week at the same pre-established day and time
  - Acquire new tools and coping skills to help you build resiliency
  - $\Rightarrow$  Learn to set and achieve goals
  - ☆ Keep in touch until you're ready for the next stage of your recovery process.

"WWP TALK HAS REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE TO ME ... IT HAS HELPED ME GET TO THE HEART OF THINGS – SET GOALS, CHALLENGE MYSELF, AND FIND MY OWN SOLUTIONS."

- WOUNDED WARRIOR ANGLE PEACOCK





#### **Project Odyssey**

#### **PROJECT ODYSSEY®**

- A multi-day adventure with fellow warriors.
  Veterans find themselves not only forging strong relationships, but also rediscovering themselves.
- Warriors gain new perspective on life back home during this outdoor rehabilitative retreat and gives them the tools to overcome obstacles they may face.
- Helps Warriors overcome combat stress through shared experiences with peers and connecting with nature.
- Available in Male Odyssey, Female Odyssey and Couple's Odyssey. Also offered in person and virtually.





#### Warrior Care Network

#### Improving the way warriors are treated for mental health today, and for generations to come.

- ☆ Warrior Care Network is a partnership between WWP and four world renowned academic centers
- Participating warriors receive a year's worth of mental health care during a 2-3-week intensive outpatient program, using evidence-based treatments with alternative therapies.
- Warriors who complete the Warrior Care Network program have seen a significant improvement in PTSD and depression symptoms.









#### **Physical Health & Wellness**

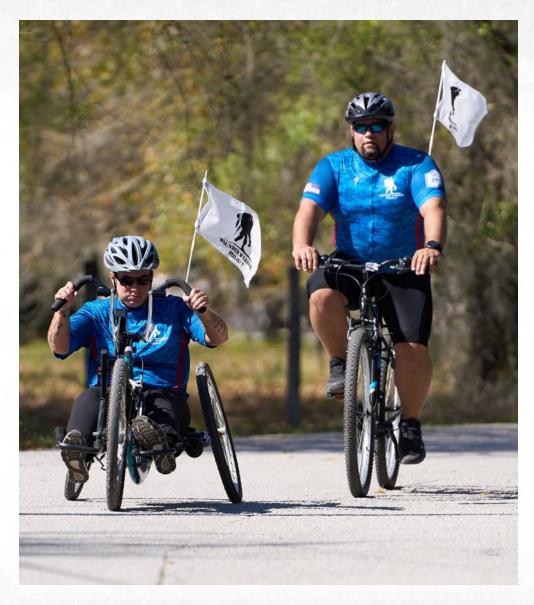
- Connect with fellow veterans through physical activity and fitness challenges.
- Our Coaching Program focuses on weight loss, nutrition, and increased mobility.
- Expo: A multi-day event where we go in-depth on fitness, nutrition, mobility, recovery, and setting the right goals for your personal path forward.
- Coaching: Bi-weekly phone calls to set personal goals, uncover your challenges, and create a plan to keep you on track and working toward success.





#### **Soldier Ride**

- Four-day cycling event where warriors connect with one another, push their limits and leave with a deeper understanding of who they are and what they're capable of.
- No bike necessary- we provide state of the art hand cycles, trikes, and bicycles for warriors with injuries and disabilities.







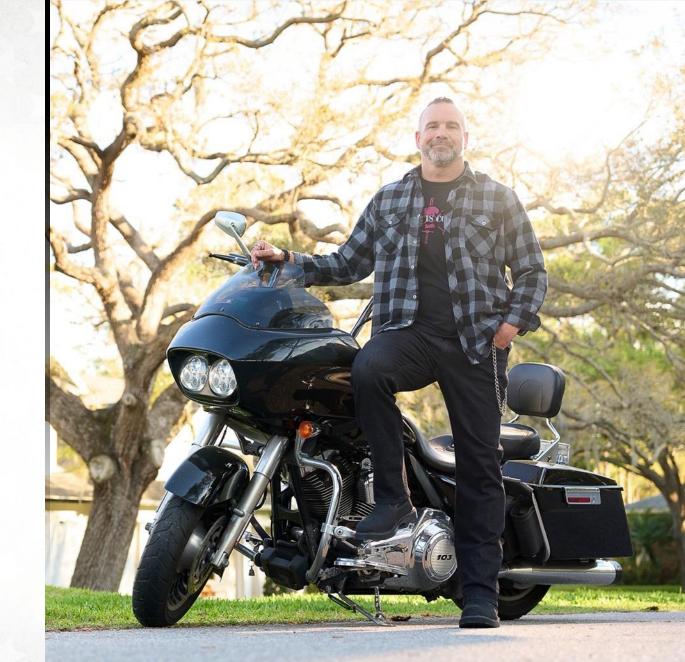




#### **Government Affairs**

#### **Legislative Priorities**

- ☆ Toxic Exposure
- ☆ Women Veterans
- ☆ Mental Health & Suicide Prevention
- ☆ Financial Security
- ☆ Long Term Care & Support
- ☆ Caregivers
- ☆ Enhanced Quality of Life



# **\* \* \* BENEFITS SERVICES**



#### **Benefits Services**

"The Benefits Team will ensure the Warrior, Family Support Member, and Caregiver will receive the benefits they have earned in a manner that honors their service."

- $\Rightarrow$  VA Disability Compensation
- ☆ DoD Entitlements
- ☆ VHA Entitlements
- ☆ VA Caregiver Entitlements
- ☆ VA Education Benefits
- ☆ Ancillary Benefits
- $\Rightarrow$  State Benefits Assistance
- $\Rightarrow$  VA Life Insurance





#### **VA Compensation**

#### **Claims Assistance:**

- ☆ Original Claims
- ☆ Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)
- ☆ Increase
- ☆ Secondary Conditions
- $\Rightarrow$  Appeals
  - ☆ Supplemental
  - ☆ Higher Level Reviews (HLR)
  - ☆ Board Appeals (BVA)
- ☆ Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)





#### **DoD Entitlements**

#### **Department of Defense:**

- ☆ Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)
- ☆ Concurrent Receipt Disability Pay (CRDP)
- ☆ Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)
- ☆ Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR)
- ☆ Medical and Physical Board Evaluation (MEB/PEB)

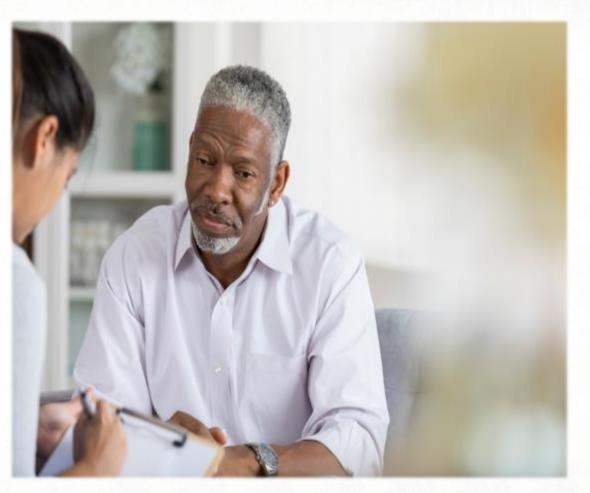


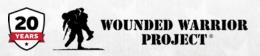


#### **VHA Entitlements**

#### Veterans' Health Administration:

- ☆ VA Caregiver Benefits
- ☆ Clothing Allowance
- ☆ Home Improvement and Structural Alteration (HISA) Grant
- ☆ Prosthetics
- ☆ Patient Advocacy





#### Education

- ☆ VA Educational Benefits:
  - ☆ Post 911 GI Bill CH 33
  - ☆ Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) CH 35
  - ☆ Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) CH 31
- ☆ Veteran State Benefits
  - ☆ Example, Hazlewood Exemption
- ☆ Scholarship Resources Resource Center Database





#### **Benefits Assistance**

#### ☆ Ancillary Benefits Assistance:

- ☆ Specially Adaptive Housing Grant (SAH)
- ☆ Special Home Adaptation Grant (SHA)
- Automobile Allowance and Adaptive Equipment

#### ☆ State Benefits Assistance (Resources):

- ☆ Property Tax Exemptions
- ☆ Licensing
- ☆ Financial Resources Resource Center Database

#### ☆ VA Insurance:

- ☆ Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI)
- ☆ Traumatic Service Members Group Life Insurance (TSGLI)
- ☆ Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI)







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