



# Wounded Warrior Project Renews VFW Service Officer Grant

## VFW's proven performance in aiding transitioning military is key to WWP's continued support

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**WASHINGTON** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce that Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) has renewed a service officer grant in the amount of \$443,145 that will continue to help more transitioning military to receive their earned Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. The grant will be used to support the VFW's Pre-Discharge Claims Program, which has a proven history of providing free and expert VA claims filing assistance on two dozen of America's largest military installations.

To date, WWP has provided grants totaling more than \$1.8 million to support VFW's Pre-Discharge Claims Program, an effort that last year enabled the VFW to file nearly 15,000 claims and recover more than \$155 million in disability compensation for newly-transitioned veterans. Collectively, VFW's nationwide cadre of 2,100 VA-accredited service officers helped well over 500,000 veterans to secure \$8.3 billion in earned benefits in fiscal year 2018. Membership in the VFW is not required to receive its free, professional claims assistance.

“Helping servicemen and women to successfully transition out of the military and into the VA is a crucial part of the VFW's mission, and we are grateful to Wounded Warrior Project for their continued support of this shared mission,” said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. “With 24 Pre-Discharge Claims Offices across the country, this generous grant helps ensure that the VFW is able to continue helping our new veterans receive the benefits they've earned and deserve.”

“The long-term resilience and well-being of our military community require innovation and collaboration among like-minded organizations,” said René Bardorf, WWP Senior Vice President of Government and Community Affairs. “Wounded Warrior Project is proud to partner with The Veterans of Foreign Wars in their efforts to help our nation's veterans successfully transition back to their communities. The VFW's work in helping transitioning

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service members navigate the VA’s claims process is invaluable and ensures veterans access to the healthcare benefits they have earned through their service to our great nation.”

If you are a service member within 180 days of discharge from the military, you can contact a VFW Pre-Discharge Representative in your area by visiting the VFW website’s link [here](#).

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### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

Since 2003, Wounded Warrior Project<sup>®</sup> (WWP) has been meeting the growing needs of warriors, their families, and caregivers – helping them achieve their highest ambition. Learn more: <http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us>.