

Wounded Military Personnel

<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> (offers volunteer opportunities and resources)

The **Wounded Warrior Project's** goal is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service member's in our nation's history. They seek: ☐

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

The Diocese of West Texas supports this organization by allowing them the use of the Mustang Island Conference Center for veteran retreats, praying for retreat participants and providing letters of encouragement to retreat participants.

www.dav.org (offers volunteer opportunities and resources)

The 1.2 million-member **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** is a non-profit 501(c)(4) charity dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. They offer a range of services, including help with filing benefit claims. The DAV's Voluntary Services Program operates a comprehensive network of volunteers who provide veterans free rides to and from VA medical facilities and improve care and morale for sick and disabled veterans. The website provides a search function to help you find a DAV office near you.

<http://www.wtc.army.mil/index.html> (resources)

The **Army's Warrior Transition Command** offers multiple services for wounded soldiers and their families. Their information on a wide range of topics such as anger management, spiritual assessment, PTSD, etc. are helpful to parishes who want to better understand the issues facing military men and women transitioning to civilian life.

<http://americanheroquilts.com/> (offers volunteer opportunities and resources)

American Hero Quilts provides recognition and appreciation to wounded service men and women (and their families) who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Some local groups include veterans of other wars as well. Each quilt is a metaphoric hug and a way to express our nation's gratitude for their service to our country. Quilts are primarily sent to Madigan Hospital at Joint Base Lewis McCord, other Warrior Transition Centers in the US, and directly to bases in Afghanistan. There are many ways in which an individual, club, church, neighborhood or business can help with this project. See the website for further information.