

Matt Bacik Outreach Coordinator Wounded Warrior Project



Matt Bacik, like so many others, joined the military to serve his country. In the summer of 2005, like so many others, the Army Ranger's life changed.

He was hit with an improvised explosive device while deployed to Iraq, and less than a year later, Bacik's leg was amputated.

Now, he's 29 with a master's degree in business administration, works at Merchant Capital and is an outreach coordinator for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

When he came back from the field and found himself spending more than a year in hospitals and rehab, the support from the WWP helped keep him going, as did the backpack full of clothes, toiletries and calling cards the organization delivered.

The WWP provides a networking opportunity for wounded troops, guidance at navigating the bureaucracies involved with military medical care and support for the families. The organization funds transportation, housing, food and child care for families of wounded soldiers so they don't have to recover alone.

According to the WWP, more than 30,000 troops have been injured in recent conflicts. Whether it be traumatic brain injuries, amputations, severe burns or other significant wounds. Across the state of Alabama, thousands are serving on active duty, or in the National Guard and Reserves.

WWP partners with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, as well as other government agencies and charitable organizations.

Most important, the WWP is an ally and a shoulder to lean on for wounded veterans.



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Nov 18 Roy Blount, Jr., Author
"Alphabet Juice"

Nov 25 Red Mountain Theatre Presents

Dec 2 Margaret Hoelzer
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"A Pocket Full of History"

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