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## Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team

October 2017



WWAST Players and Kids Alumni Kids Camp in Branson, MO

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Dear Friends,

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) had a great last 30 days as it participated in two memorable events! The WWAST hosted their first ever Alumni Kids Camp on September 28-October 1, 2017 at Ballparks of America (<http://www.ballparks of america.com/>) in Branson, Missouri. This camp reunited WWAST players with 26 of the kids from all over the country who attended one of our previous camps in Orlando, Louisville, Mission Viejo, and Washington D.C. While there, the WWAST got a chance to work with the kids to hone their softball skills. In addition, everyone got to take in some of the attractions of Branson including a Duck Tour hosted by Ride The Ducks - Branson and the Janice Martin Cirque Show. The "big games" took place on Saturday night with the two kids' teams battling it out in Game #1. In Game #2, the WWAST took on the Branson All-Stars and defeated them by a score of 24-12. On October 13-15, the WWAST ventured to Dayton, Ohio for the second year in a row. On Friday, the team arrived and got to visit the site of the proposed Fisher House at the Dayton VA Hospital. That same evening the team had a great dinner with sponsors where they had the once in a lifetime chance to



### Upcoming Games and Events

**October 28**  
**Metro Kiwanis Sportsplex**  
3590 Patton Road,  
Huntsville, AL  
10:00 AM - Game 1 vs. Team Redstone  
1:00 PM - Game 2 vs. Team Huntsville

**November 11**  
**Southside Softball Complex**  
5003 Stadium Blvd,  
Jonesboro, AR 72404  
2:00 PM - Game 1 vs. NE Arkansas All-Stars  
3:30 PM - Game 2 vs. NE Arkansas All-Stars

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ty on the wright B Flyer, the world's first production airplane. Saturday started with a tour of the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and then a doubleheader against the Wright Patterson Military All-Stars and the Dayton Legends. The WFAST split their doubleheader dropping game 1 against the Military All-Stars 13-12 and winning the second game against the Dayton Legends 18-16. The WFAST would like to thank everyone - the event organizers, sponsors, and fans who made these events such a great success.



## Our Mission

To inspire and educate others while enhancing the health and welfare of Wounded Warrior Amputees.





Additional pictures from the Alumni Kids Camp in Branson and the event in Dayton

The WWAST will close out their 2017 campaign over the next 30 days with our two remaining events. On October 27-29 the WWAST heads to Huntsville, Alabama. On Saturday, there will be a doubleheader pitting the WWAST against Team Redstone in Game #1 and against Team Huntsville in Game #2. The WWAST then travels to Jonesboro, Arkansas on November 10-12. On Saturday, Veterans Day, the WWAST will be playing in a doubleheader against the NE Arkansas All-Stars. We hope to see a lot of our fans at these games!

### **WWAST Schedules for 2017 and 2018**

The remaining schedule for 2017 can be found at the following link: [http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events](http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/?post_type=tribe_events).

Our 2018 event schedule is filling up quickly and will be posted soon! If your community is interested in hosting the WWAST for an event in 2018, please contact our Executive Director, Dennis Wince, for details ([dennis@thewwast.org](mailto:dennis@thewwast.org)).

### **WWAST Giving Tuesday and End of the Year Fundraising Campaign**

Giving Tuesday is November 28, 2017 and our End of the Year Campaign will run until December 31, 2017. Look for it to be published on Facebook and Twitter in mid-November. If the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team inspired or motivated you this year, then please consider making a tax deductible donation. Your generous donations will send a young amputee child to a life changing camp, fund important amputee related medical research, provide medical equipment to veterans, and allow America's favorite team to compete, inspire and educate children, veterans and families all around the country. As a reminder, the WWAST is not affiliated with other Wounded Warrior charities (e.g. Wounded Warrior Project, etc.). Also, since our inception over 85% of our donations have supported programs helping Wounded Warrior Amputees, amputee children, and medical research.

### **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for 2017**

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team participation in this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has begun! All Federal workers, retirees, and government contractors are eligible to donate to the CFC. If you know of someone eligible to give, encourage them to do so. Our CFC number is 62214 and the campaign is running until December 15, 2017. This year will be the first year that the entire CFC Campaign is conducted completely online. Last year's campaign was very successful and we hope to double our donations for 2018. We hope that you can help to



make it a success!

### **Supporting the WWAST**

You can support the WWAST through direct donations, supporting through the Amazon Smile Program, and through purchases of WWAST Gear through our online store.

### **Direct Donations**

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the WWAST. No amount is too small. You can earmark your donation for a specific upcoming event or for our Kids Camp or Alumni Kids Camp. If you are looking for a meaningful gift for a friend or relative, then please consider donating in their name to the WWAST. Please make your contribution to WWAST today at:

<http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/wwast-donors-sponsors-overview/>.

### **Amazon Smile**

You can support the WWAST through your purchases at Amazon.com with the AmazonSmile program. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know - same products, same prices, same service. It can be used with Amazon Prime as well. To do this sign-on to your Amazon account through this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. When it asks you to enter your charity just type, Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, and then start shopping! It is that easy.



### **Support the WWAST Online Store**

Check out our online store! Stay warm and looking good this winter in WWAST gear like our hoodie. Your purchases will be helping to promote America's favorite team as well. Click on the link to check it out: <https://www.cagear.com/wounded-warriors-amputee-softball/>.

Also, be sure to look for our online store vendor, CA Gear, at upcoming WWAST events.

### **Connect with the WWAST - Push for 30,000 "Likes" on Facebook!**

We are asking for your help to reach 30,000 "Likes"! We are just over 1,500 away.....Help us to reach our goal by clicking the "Like" button on Facebook. Once on the page, you can invite your friends to "Like" us as well! You can also "Follow" us on Twitter @WWAmpSoftball. In addition, continue to connect with us on our website ([www.thewwast.org](http://www.thewwast.org)) and help get the word out to all your friends about the WWAST by having them sign-up for this newsletter.

## Messages from Our Fans

*"Ballparks of America was proud to host the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team along with the 26 children/families from across the country. We, as a community, were able to celebrate soldiers who continue to serve their country in such an impactful way, in Branson Missouri where we host the largest gathering of veterans in the entire United States, on our campus! We were fortunate to have American*

*Airlines as a sponsor to help out with some flights. More families could come for this event because Branson is an east drive from so many states. We were honored to have MLB star Jim Abbott as our Honorary Chair for this event, because he is a hero to many and also such an inspirational speaker! Also, Bobby Sutcliffe, the General Manager for Ballparks of America, was a Marine who served four tours of duty in the Middle East, which made this event that much more special for the Ballparks Team!"*

*-Hamilton Chang  
CEO, Ballparks of America, Branson, MO*

*"On behalf of the entire Dayton, Ohio veteran community, including those who joined us for the between-game WWAST "Salute to Veteran Service Organization," and our 2017 beneficiaries, Fisher Nightingale House and Honor Flight-Dayton, we simply cannot thank the WWAST sufficiently for their return visit to Dayton. Our entire community was both impressed and touched by the compassion and spirit that the WWAST shares with us when they visit. From their visit to the Birthplace of Aviation, including the hangar (and flights!) of the Wright B Flyer on Friday evening and the National Museum of the United States Air Force on Saturday morning, these players represent the best among us and everyone in Dayton looks forward to a return visit in 2018!"*

*-Scott Kuhnen  
Dayton, OH Event Organizer*

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