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## Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team

November 2017



WWAST Players and NE Arkansas All-Stars in Jonesboro, AR on November 11, 2017

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Dear Friends,

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) Giving Tuesday and End of the Year Campaign has begun! Giving Tuesday is officially on November 28 and the campaign will run until December 31, 2017. You can donate for this campaign at the following link: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/wounded-warrior-amputee-softball-team-giving-tuesday/c147559>. Look for this campaign to be published on Facebook and Twitter throughout the remaining portion of the year. If WWAST inspired or motivated you this year, then please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Your generous donations will help to send a young amputee child to our life changing camp, fund important amputee related medical research, and assist in funding our 2018 schedule. They will also 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.).



### Upcoming Games and Events

**January 26**  
**Plant City Stadium**  
1900 South Park Road,  
Plant City, FL  
7:30 PM vs. ISSA All-Stars (Senior Players)

**January 27**  
**Field - TBD**  
Lakeland, FL  
7:00 PM vs. Opponent  
TBD

**February 24**  
**Fred Poppe Regional Park**  
1951 Malabar Road,  
Palm Bay, FL  
2:00 PM vs. Brevard County Sheriff's Dept/Th Enforcers  
3:15 PM vs. TEAM SHIELD #1  
4:30 PM vs. TEAM SHIELD #2

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Also, since our inception over 85% of our donations have supported programs helping Wounded Warrior Amputees, amputee children, and medical research.

The WWAST wrapped up their 2017 campaign with two great events! The WWAST returned to Huntsville, Alabama on October 27-29. On Friday morning, WWAST players gave inspirational talks to local high school students followed by a welcome reception at the hotel that evening. Rain and unseasonably cold temperatures greeted everyone on Saturday morning, but the Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal community still came out in force for a doubleheader against the Redstone Arsenal All-Stars and the Huntsville All-Stars. On Saturday evening, the Young Professionals of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) hosted a dinner for the WWAST, sponsors, opposing team players, and dignitaries of the community.



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### **Our Mission**

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



Additional pictures from our event in Huntsville, AL  
(Photo Credit Bryan Bacon)

The final event of the year took place in Jonesboro, Arkansas on November 10-12. This event was special since it was Veterans Day weekend and the community of Jonesboro honored the team all weekend. On Friday evening, there was a welcome banquet at the Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro that was attended by the planning committee, sponsors, and members of the community. WWAST players shared their stories to the crowd gathered. On Saturday, the WWAST participated in the Jonesboro Veterans Day parade where a huge crowd turned out. The WWAST then played in a doubleheader against the NE Arkansas All-Stars at the Southside Softball Complex as part of a tournament hosted by USA Softball of Arkansas. The weekend was capped off by a catfish dinner at a local restaurant. The WWAST would like to thank everyone - the event organizers, sponsors, and fans who made these events and our 2017 season such a great success.





Additional pictures from our event in Jonesboro, AR

### **Rob Jones Journey**

In 2010, U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Rob Jones lost both his legs after stepping on an IED. Ever since, he has made it his mission to raise awareness for wounded veterans through his work with the Paralympics and nationwide bike rides. Recently, he completed his biggest challenge of a month of marathons - 31 marathons across 31 days, in 31 different cities. Rob started his journey on October 12 in London, England. From there he crisscrossed the United States and ran his final marathon on November 11, Veterans Day, in Washington D.C. Congratulations to Rob for completing his journey and for helping to raise awareness concerning the struggle of America's veteran population. You can read his blog from his journey at [www.robjonesjourney.com](http://www.robjonesjourney.com). This was Rob's first year with the WWAST. We hope that everyone will come out and meet him and all of the other players on the WWAST in 2018!



Rob Jones' Journey of 31 Marathons in 31 Days - Mission Complete!

### **WWAST Schedule for 2018**

The schedule for 2018 was recently posted at the following link: [http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/?post\\_type=tribe\\_events](http://woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/?post_type=tribe_events). We hope to make our 2018 season our best yet! We hope to see as many of our fans as possible at our events this year. We are excited to kick-off our season with Spring Training at TigerTown (the home of the Detroit Tigers Spring Training) in Lakeland, FL on January 24-28, 2018. The WWAST is always looking for new players. If you are or you know someone who is a veteran with an amputation who may want to become part of our team, please contact our Executive Director, Dennis Wince ([dennis@thewwast.org](mailto:dennis@thewwast.org)).

All travel, lodging and meals will be provided. As part of Spring Training, we will be participating in exhibition games on Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27. Watch our website for additional details!

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

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team participation in this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is ongoing! 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 the 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. With the Christmas season just getting started this is a great way to support the WWAST while getting all of your shopping completed. 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**

The weather outside may be turning frightful, but you can stay warm in new WWAST gear! We will have FREE SHIPPING from Cyber-Monday (November 27) until the end of the year! With winter approaching, the WWAST sweatshirt and other long-sleeve apparel will keep you warm and looking good. We have new gear in the online store as well just in time for your Christmas shopping needs. Your

purchases will be helping to promote America's favorite team as well. Check our site today for comfortable, attractive, and patriotic gear at: <https://www.cagear.com/wounded-warriors-amputee-softball/>. Also, be sure to look for our online store vendor, CA Gear, at WWAST events in the future.

**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 1,000 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.

## A Message from Our Fans

*"The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) recently played again in Huntsville, AL. Each time they visit I am reminded of the positive impact they have on the community; everyone who gets an opportunity to witness these athletes walks away with a renewed sense of pride and a deeper understanding of service. I've been given the opportunity to interact with the players and can honestly say they are just as phenomenal off the field as they are on. I look forward to the next game!"*

-Max Ledesma  
Huntsville Event Planning Committee  
Association of the United States Army, Young Professionals Group,  
Huntsville Chapter

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