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Local Veteran's Agency Announces Campaign
to Secure \$375,000 National Grant

Panhandle Warrior Partnership today announced a fund drive to raise \$125,000 locally by May 15th as the match to three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in national grant funds expected from America's Warrior Partnership. The national grant is contingent on proof of local funding support.

Panhandle Warrior Partnership is beginning its second year of existence in Northwest Florida. Its mission is to empower warriors of Northwest Florida through a holistic program of community collaboration designed to connect warriors and their families to the local community through benefits, services, education, jobs, and housing.

"As a recent transitioning service member myself, I can certainly see the great need for an organization such as the Panhandle Warrior Partnership in this area," said Dan Verda, Executive Director. "The Panhandle Warrior Partnership provides services vital to any veteran transitioning, as the process can be difficult and confusing. From securing benefits to finding a job and housing, the challenges are different for each and every veteran. We can help them navigate the process and in their success lies success in our community."

In order to secure the \$375,000 in grant funds Panhandle Warrior Partnership is required to provide a \$125,000 match! That's a 3 to 1 match for every dollar raised in the Florida Panhandle-and all funds ***support local veterans!***

That means that if the citizens of Northwest Florida (approximately 750,000 people in the six counties we cover) can put together \$125,000 by May 15th, Panhandle Warrior Partnership will receive an additional \$375,000 to support veterans' programs in the Panhandle!



“This is an opportunity for the people of Northwest Florida to leverage their support and secure the future of our veteran population,” says Verda. “We will be holding fund drives, taking pledges, and approaching businesses for support. Every dollar collected locally helps local veterans and their families – and nets them another \$3 from the national group.”

“PWP is strategically placed and well positioned to assist veterans on the Panhandle,” says Jim Lorraine, president and CEO of America’s Warrior Partnership. “The success PWP has achieved to-date is impressive and indicative of their commitment to Warriors.”

In just one year PWP has reached over 4,500 veterans and their families in North-West Florida, established a network of over 260 organizations dedicated to supporting our local veterans and their families, aided in housing 47 homeless veterans, assisted in securing employment for 437 unemployed veterans, enrolled 2,049 Veterans for education and assisted over 1,000 veterans in securing VA healthcare.

PWP has operated for a year under the auspices of America’s Warrior Partnership and has recently achieved independent status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit. The purpose of the support by the national organization is to assist communities to set up strong agencies to empower veterans. Their support is made possible by funding from Wounded Warrior Project®. PWP will be eligible for such funding through 2017 if the local match can be made for each grant cycle.

Panhandle Warrior Partnership is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that focuses on providing veterans and their families with various resources. For additional information call (850) 476-0662, visit us online, www.panhandlewarriors.org, send an email to panhandlewarriors@outlook.com, or visit our Facebook, facebook.com.panhandlewarriorpartnership.

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