

**GENERAL AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**and the**  
**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**

**INTRODUCTION:**

This General Agreement is made and entered into this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2008 by and between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, hereinafter called the NPS and the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as WWP.

**ARTICLE I: BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES:**

The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP):

The WWP was founded on the principle that veterans are the United States' greatest citizens and the WWP seeks to assist those men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have been severely injured during conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. The WWP mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors. The WWP purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs to meet their needs.

The WWP teaches lifelong lessons and hobbies through organized trips and activities which promote healing and help in the rehabilitation process. The WWP works with and includes families of severely wounded to help foster reconnection and share achievements. The WWP strives to ensure this is the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded veterans in our nation's history.

In addition, the WWP has programs that help injured veterans get back into the work force and works with injured veterans and outside groups and potential employees to match veterans' skill sets and interests with employment opportunities.

The National Park Service (NPS):

The National Park Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1-1(a)) and the General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4) provide key management authority for units of the National Park System, including the direction to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The NPS is committed to providing appropriate, high quality opportunities for visitors to enjoy the units of the National Park System consistent with its stewardship responsibilities.

The National Park System provides a wide range of locations for recreational opportunities, and national parks provide ideal settings for individuals, families and organized groups to engage in activities that help individuals to restore their mind, body and spirit. Appropriate activities for WWP programs may include recreational activities authorized within units of the National Park System practiced in accordance with all applicable NPS laws, regulations, and policies.

This agreement between the NPS and the WWP will benefit the NPS, the resources it manages, visitors to units of the National Park System, WWP, its clients and their families, the broader veterans community, and the public generally.

#### **ARTICLE II: TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

The NPS and WWP desire to cooperate and mutually agree to collaborate as described below:

##### **A. The NPS agrees to:**

1. Cooperate with WWP to identify a range of opportunities and possible locations throughout the country for the WWP to undertake its programs within the National Park System and provide information to WWP regarding opportunities with park partners, such as concessioners and cooperating associations, that may be the primary contact for certain needs of the WWP in undertaking an activity in a park within a particular region.
2. Cooperate with WWP to develop mutually beneficial projects or activities for veterans and their families and enter into specific agreements with WWP to indentify the project objectives and respective roles of each party.
3. Provide the general framework of the NPS' relationship with WWP through Regional Directors to Park Superintendents.
4. Provide information regarding the WWP and its programs to regions, parks and park partners that may be appropriate to be undertaken in units of the National Park System. Any activities that the WWP may undertake in the units of the National Park System will: comply with the applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the NPS; not result in impairment of the resources and values of the National Park System; and fully respect other applicable agreements and visitors.
5. Work with WWP, subject to the availability of park personnel and funding, in the development of mutually beneficial projects and activities, the compilation of information regarding the availability of WWP opportunities on National Park System lands, safety training, and other educational efforts in units of the National Park System that support the WWP.
6. Provide the WWP with information on employment opportunities within the NPS that may be of interest to WWP program participants.

**B. WWP agrees to:**

1. Promote this partnership with the NPS to its members and their families and affiliate organizations and encourage collaboration with the NPS on mutually beneficial projects or activities.
2. Work with NPS to identify the types of activities that the WWP would be interested in participating in on national park lands.
3. Work with Superintendents of units that have been identified as possible locations for WWP activities and coordinate with the Superintendent on when and how an activity could be undertaken and obtain the applicable agreements and permits prior to undertaking an activity.
4. Recruit, train, organize, and supervise staff to conduct WWP programs in national parks to ensure they understand the rules and policies of the National Park System and cooperate with NPS staff in the conduct of WWP programs in national parks.
5. Actively support the NPS and its activities.

**C. Both parties mutually agree to:**

1. Collaborate in the development of educational materials to inform the public of this partnership between the NPS and WWP.
2. Meet annually to discuss activities under this Agreement and any subsequent agreements and identify specific areas of mutual interest for the coming year.
3. Complete an annual work plan, consistent with this Agreement and any subsequent agreements, that identifies and prioritizes potential projects and activities.
4. Collaboratively prepare an annual status report, including project status, program successes and program areas needing improvement.
5. During the first year of this agreement, develop at least two pilot park projects.
6. Identify opportunities to collaboratively participate in regional and national meetings in the form of presentations, panel discussions, and training.

**ARTICLE III: TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

- A. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of the last signature and will remain in effect for 5 years. Modifications to the Agreement may be proposed by either party and shall become effective upon written approval of both parties.

- B. Nothing in this Agreement shall obligate the Government to expend funds or to enter into any contract or other obligations with WWP. This Agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any activities involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties of this Agreement may require specific project level agreements and will be managed in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and procedures.

#### **ARTICLE IV: KEY OFFICIALS AND LIAISONS**

The personnel listed below are identified as key staff and are considered essential to the work being performed under this Agreement:

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Prior to any changes in key officials by either the NPS or WWP, written notice will be given reasonably in advance.

**ARTICLE V: SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Any material prepared by either party for informing the public about this partnership, will be submitted to the other party's key official(s) (see Article IV) for formal review and approval prior to its release. Use of either partner's official emblem or logo, such as the NPS Arrowhead, or other official text that is proposed for use to promote the partnership will be submitted to the other party for formal review and approval prior to use and release.
- B. This Agreement will not in any way suggest endorsement by the NPS of a product or service. No WWP member advertising or promotional materials will carry the NPS Arrowhead logo or other official text or emblems that might suggest product or NPS endorsement.
- C. This Agreement does not establish authority for noncompetitive award to WWP or its members of any contract or other agreement. Any contract or agreement must comply with all applicable requirements for competition.

**ARTICLE VI: REQUIRED CLAUSES**

- A. Civil Rights—During the performance of this Agreement, the participants agree to abide by the terms of Executive Order 11246 on non-discrimination and will not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The participants will take affirmative action to ensure applicants are employed without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- B. Officials Not to Benefit—No member or delegate to Congress, or resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement, or to any benefit that may arise there from, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this Agreement if made with a corporation for its general benefit.
- C. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as binding the NPS to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress, for the purposes of this Agreement for that fiscal year; or as involving the United States in any contract or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations.
- D. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inconsistent with or contrary to the purpose of or intent of any Act of Congress affecting or relating to this Agreement.
- E. Nothing in this Agreement shall restrict the NPS from entering into similar agreements, or participating in similar activities or arrangements, with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

F. No part of the money appropriated by any enactment of Congress shall, in the absence of express authorization by Congress, be used directly or indirectly to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or any other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation, whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, ratification, policy, or appropriation; but this shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments or agencies from communicating to any such Member or official, at his request, or to Congress or such official, through the proper official channels, requests for legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriations which they deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business, or from making any communication whose prohibition by this section might, in the opinion of the Attorney General, violate the Constitution or interfere with the conduct of foreign policy, counter-intelligence, intelligence, or national security activities. Violations of this section shall constitute violations of section 1352 (a) of title 31.

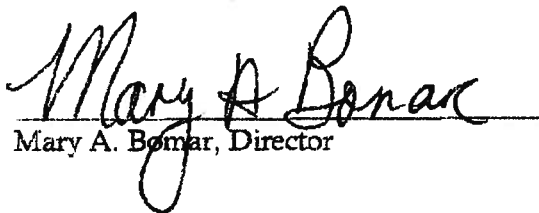
**ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION**

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with written notice 60 days in advance.

**ARTICLE VIII: AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

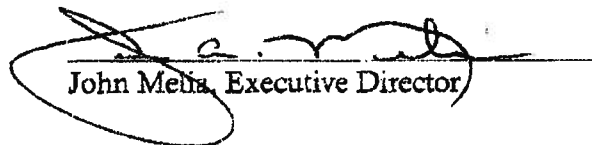
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have signed their names and executed this Agreement.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

  
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 Mary A. Bomar, Director

9-19-2008  
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 Date

**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**

  
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 John Melia, Executive Director

9-19-08  
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