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## “Life Without a Limb is Limitless”

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you know, at the 2012 National Convention in L.A., our Auxiliary to the APWU adopted the Human Relations Project, The Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team (WWAST). Our project is in conjunction with the work of APWU Human Relations Director Sue Carney. Our goal for the 2014 Convention in Chicago is \$20,000.00 and as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January \$11,479.00 has been raised. With your help we know we can attain that goal.

In 2011 Sports Illustrated printed an article about these amazing young men. Following is an excerpt from this article. “Every member of the WWAST is a war veteran who sacrificed a part of himself in Afghanistan or Iraq. Before they were in the military they were high school or college baseball players and they have fought through devastating injuries and exhausting, sometimes excruciating rehabilitation to make it back from the battlefield to the ball field. In the process they are proving to everyone, including themselves, that despite missing limbs they are still the same focused, physically capable men they have always been.”

The mission of WWAST is to raise awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military. They travel around the country playing only able bodied teams. At first they may be underestimated but that doesn't last long. We feel that this team is such an inspiration that we want to start raising money now to help them with their travel expenses and whatever else they may need to be able to continue helping other veterans. Veterans who may have the same disabilities, so that they may show them that “Life without a limb is limitless.” For more information and a look at all they have accomplished I encourage you to check out their website at [www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org](http://www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org).

We are very excited about this project and do hope that we can count on your support. We will be accepting donations from now through the 2014 Convention. Checks may be made out to: **Auxiliary to the APWU** and sent to: **Trisa Mannion, Treasurer, Auxiliary to the APWU, 3038 Cloverdale Court, Grand Junction, CO 81506**

If you have already sent a donation, thank you. We appreciate your support.

Yours in Solidarity,

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