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CSAH DONATION ADDS COMFORT TO FORT CAMPBELL SFAC
New Recliners Offer Wounded Warriors Needed Quiet Time

WILTON, CT – July 24, 2012 – Thanks to a donation from the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH), the Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, can now provide wounded soldiers and their families a comfortable place to relax during their recovery.

This past spring, eight new La-Z-Boy recliners -- a gift from the Coalition and its donors worth nearly \$10,000 -- were delivered and installed in a newly-designated section of the 15,000 square foot facility called the dayroom that offers wounded troops and their families a place for respite and repose.

Since then, it's become one of the SFAC's most favored places, and Michael Britton, Fort Campbell's SFAC director and former chaplain of the WTC, says the La-Z-Boy recliners are the primary reason why.

Like the other 32 SFACs the U.S. Army maintains around the country and in Europe, Fort Campbell's provides Warriors in Transition (WTs) safe haven to receive care and treatment for combat-related injuries and illnesses, and a "one-stop" point of access to the non-medical services needed for their transition from military to civilian life.

But not all SFACs offer the range of accommodations and services for wounded troops and their families as Fort Campbell's -- home base for the Army's most-deployed battle units, including the 101st Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

Aside from being a central location for indoor and outdoor exercise, child care, games and recreation, office and computer, seminars, lectures and meetings, Fort Campbell's SFAC has the staff and network of resources to provide financial, legal and educational counseling, employment assistance, family advocacy, social services, community and personnel services, Veterans Affairs assistance, ministry and other services.

Serving the needs of hundreds (sometimes thousands) of wounded troops and family members at any given time has meant the Fort Campbell SFAC was usually a very busy, active place. What the facility lacked, said Britton, was an area where people could go for peace and quiet.

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When Mike Meyer, the Coalition's Vice President of Programs, got word of Britton's dayroom idea from retired Army Maj. General John Singlaub, CSAH's national spokesman, he proposed the La-Z-Boy solution. Delivery of the eight recliners followed shortly thereafter.

"We promise our troops we'll take care of them," stated Britton. "Here at Fort Campbell, we want to be the best at keeping that promise, especially for troops whose wounds are the most severe."

"For many of them, all the information and decision-making can be overwhelming. We needed to give them a place where they could be by themselves, or with their families, for reflection and quiet conversation. The chairs created that environment for our dayroom, and there's hardly a moment when they aren't being used."

Robert Vail, Director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said the Coalition's gift has done more than improve the décor and ambiance of the Fort Campbell SFAC. He said the donation conveyed an important message to the entire SFAC community that concern for the emotional and physical well-being of wounded soldiers and their families extended far beyond the confines of the facility.

"Just knowing that additional resources are available to Fort Campbell soldiers and families gives a positive outlook on the future of Army support programs," Mr. Vail stated. "Your kindness is admirable and epitomizes the virtues of the American spirit."

About the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH) is dedicated to providing severely wounded veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom with the financial assistance and support they need to rebuild their lives and restore their hopes for achieving their greatest potential.

CSAH is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded in 2004 and headquartered in Wilton, Connecticut. All funds raised by CSAH to support its mission come from contributions made by individual citizens, corporate donors and foundations. Eligibility for CSAH's programs and services for injured veterans requires a disability rating of 30% or greater from either the U.S. Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since its founding, CSAH has provided emergency financial assistance and other services for thousands of severely wounded troops and their families, including more than 27,000 separate emergency aid payments, grants and holiday gift checks. More information is available at www.saluteheroes.org.

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