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## **Coalition Hires New Manager of Community Relations**

*Combat-wounded veteran Brandon Boyd joins ranks of leading service organization*

LEESBURG, VA (Dec. 11, 2014) – The [Coalition to Salute America's Heroes](http://CoalitiontoSaluteAmerica'sHeroes.org) (Coalition), a leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely wounded veterans of the War on Terror, announced today that Brandon Boyd has been hired as its new Manager of Community Relations. He replaces Jil Hinds, who relocated to Atlanta this summer and now serves in the Coalition's field operations.

Boyd is a combat-wounded veteran of the United States Army. While on deployment in Iraq in 2008, Brandon suffered a severe TBI, T10 paraplegic and PTSD. After retiring from the Army, Brandon worked at the Pentagon and the Mark Center as the COOP, Emergency Manager and Assistant Security Manager for the Department of Defense. In July 2014, Brandon left the government to found Restoration Homefront, a Virginia-based organization that provides resume-building, jobs, college and housing resources for veterans.

"I've seen the Coalition in action for years, including recently through my work with Restoration Homefront and Operation SEAs the Day," said Boyd. "It's an extraordinary organization doing life-changing work for wounded veterans. I'm grateful for the opportunity they've given me to continue to serve my fellow combat-wounded, and I look forward to getting out into the various communities here in the Northern Virginia/Maryland/DC Region to raise awareness of the Coalition's critical mission."

Brandon and his wife Norma are relocating to Lovettsville to be closer to the Coalition's headquarters office in Leesburg.

"Brandon is going to be a wonderful addition to our team, not only because he's a smart guy with experience in our field, but because he can relate on a very direct and personal level to the men and women we serve every day," said David Walker, president of the Coalition. "We couldn't have asked for a better fit for our organization."

### **About the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes**

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, based in Leesburg, VA, has provided an immediate, invaluable lifeline to thousands of America's wounded veterans since its establishment in 2004. The Coalition is distinguished from other veteran-focused organizations by its direct financial assistance to America's combat-wounded heroes. Its

Emergency Financial Aid program has stopped foreclosure proceedings on veterans' homes and kept their vehicles from being repossessed. The organization regularly provides gift checks to cover meals, medical and utility bills, clothing, car repairs and even baby diapers.

For more information on the Coalition, and to learn how you can support its mission, visit [www.saluteheroes.org](http://www.saluteheroes.org).

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