



Veteran Circle: Coalition's new membership program for our heroes!

The Veteran Circle membership program is a new way for the Coalition to connect with our disabled veterans to help them more effectively.

The Veteran Circle program offers a wide range of discounts and benefits to support our nation's War on Terror combat-wounded heroes, including eligibility for holiday meals checks, scholarship opportunities, participation in Skillsoft online education, and updates about local events.

To be eligible for Veteran Circle membership, veterans must have sustained an injury during combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation New Dawn, or in support of those operations in a hostile environment, and have a disability rating assigned by the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs of 30 percent or greater from a single, sustained injury.

If you or someone you know is an OIF/OEF combat-wounded veteran, you can apply for Veteran Circle membership at www.saluteheroes-vetcircle.org.

Disclaimer: *If you meet the eligibility requirements above you are eligible for a free membership to the Veteran Circle (VC). This pricing structure may change in the future but once you join you will not be charged for membership. You may cancel your membership at any time by contacting us at 888-447-2588. To unsubscribe, email unsubscribe@saluteheroes.org. Becoming a member of VC does not guarantee that you will be selected to receive holiday meal checks or scholarships, but it does make you eligible. All members will be screened for approval through our criteria as noted here.*



Leave a legacy of love for our disabled heroes

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

— Albert Pike, American Writer

By remembering the Coalition in your will or insurance policy, you continue your legacy of service and sacrifice for America's severely disabled War on Terror troops and veterans for years to come. This year alone, the Coalition has received three bequests totaling \$7,463.08 – generous gifts already making a tremendous difference to the families of struggling disabled veterans.

For a private and confidential discussion of how to leave the Coalition a charitable bequest, contact:

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Why *you* should consider joining Partners for Heroes

Have you heard of our **Partners for Heroes** program? It's an easy way for you to make an even greater difference in the lives of suffering severely disabled veterans across our great nation.

Partners for Heroes is the Coalition's monthly giving program – and it has some great benefits that make it as easy as possible to continue your faithful, selfless support for America's heroes.

- ★ Your monthly donation is conveniently debited from your checking account or charged to your credit card each month, so you don't have to spend time writing checks or searching for stamps.
- ★ Your monthly giving is tracked, and at the end of the year you will receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes.
- ★ You'll receive less mail from us – and the money we

save on postage and printing means your gift will go farther each month. (We'll continue to share exciting program updates and newsletters like this one.)

- ★ You can cancel your **Partners for Heroes** membership at any time.

Your monthly gift is important no matter the amount. Because when you have lost your legs and can't work, or your wife has quit her job to care for you as you battle PTSD, every dollar makes a huge difference just to help put food on the table. And every moment counts when you're facing homelessness or your child is going hungry.

So I hope you'll consider becoming a **Partners for Heroes** member today – to ensure we have the funds we need to provide emergency aid to wounded heroes and their families right away, when they need it most. For more information on how to enroll, please see your enclosed reply form.

You're a faithful supporter – won't you be our “friend,” too?

You've been a true friend to our troops and veterans severely disabled in the War on Terror. So we'd love it if you'd be our “friend” online, too!

Did you know that the Coalition has *two* very active Facebook pages, as well as a Twitter account and a YouTube channel? These sites are fun, informative, and interactive – and the perfect place to stay connected to the Coalition and see your generosity at work.

On our main Facebook page, we post regularly on programs and events we're holding – maybe even some in your area! On our Heroes Thanking Heroes Facebook page, you can hear from some of the heroes you've helped. Our Twitter account is another great place for Coalition updates. And our YouTube channel features many emotional and inspirational firsthand accounts from veterans, their wives, and their children, sharing how your generosity changed their lives.

So ... won't you be our friend?



Facebook.com/SaluteHeroes
Facebook.com/
HeroesThankingHeroes



@SaluteHeroes



YouTube.com/user/SaluteHeroes

We'd love to keep in touch!

Please consider sharing your email address with the Coalition. Write your email address on the enclosed reply form to hear more heartwarming stories like those featured in this **Road to Recovery Report** newsletter.

When you share your email address with the Coalition, you'll start receiving thank you notes, photos, and updates about how your generosity is improving the lives of our disabled heroes and their families.



By the numbers: Your generosity at work

When we pick up the phone, there's no way to tell what the anxious disabled veteran on the other end of the line will need. As you can see in the numbers below, a struggling hero may ask us for just \$30 – or \$3,000. He may be facing foreclosure – or she may know her heat is about to be shut off in the dead of winter.

But there is one common element in every call we get – and that's urgency. Because when a severely wounded serviceman or woman contacts us pleading for help, they're nearly always in dire straits – just days away from losing their home, or already staring at empty cupboards.

When you send the Coalition a gift, it goes to work right away to help a hero facing disaster. The list below highlights a handful of disabled veterans who recently asked us for help – and whose lives you and we changed together.



Justin R. from Leesburg, Georgia was medically discharged after serving in Iraq. His situation was so dire, he called asking for just \$33.12 to pay his electric bill.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$33.12

Eugene B. of Brownsville, Wisconsin was paralyzed while serving in Iraq. He needed \$500.00 for food and gas.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$500.00

James M. of El Paso, Texas suffers from PTSD after serving in Iraq. He needed \$1,943.80 to pay for urgent medical expenses.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$1,943.80

Chanelle J. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania served her country in Iraq – and returned home with PTSD. She needed \$2,371.00 to pay past-due rent and buy school supplies.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$2,371.00

Roland B. of Murfreesboro, Tennessee suffered an eye injury serving in Iraq – and needed \$1,540.00 to pay rent to avert eviction.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$1,540.00

Leon A. from Collinsville, Illinois was paralyzed while serving in Iraq. He needed \$1,610.00 to avoid eviction.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$1,610.00

Jon P. from Atlanta, Georgia served in Afghanistan and suffers from PTSD. He desperately needed \$3,422.30 to pay his mortgage and overdue electric bills.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$3,422.30

Nathaniel from New Hempstead, New York suffers from PTSD after serving in Iraq. He called in urgent need of \$3,500.00 to pay his property taxes.

★ Emergency financial aid from Coalition donors:
\$3,500.00

See page 6 of your newsletter to learn more about an easy way you can help make sure we always have the funds on hand to help our desperate heroes right away, when they need it most ... not in days or weeks, when it may be too late.

Important update on a letter General Singlaub sent you

This summer you may have received a letter from us about an exciting matching grant opportunity that would **automatically double the impact of your gift.**

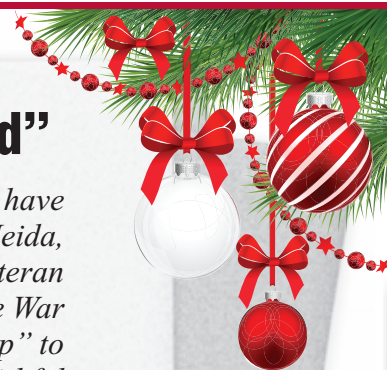
Some extremely generous Coalition friends (who asked to remain anonymous) offered **\$165,000 to match other supporters' gifts** to help military families facing hunger, homelessness, and other financial disasters.

The Coalition relies solely on voluntary donations to fund its efforts to help our disabled heroes. And this generous matching grant came just in time to provide a boost during the summer, our critical slow season for donations

when many of our good friends are away on vacation or spending time with family, not reading their mail.

We're excited to update you that **faithful Coalition friends like you responded generously, to the tune of over \$198,500 — successfully activating the matching grant!** Most importantly, that means **we raised a total of more than \$363,500 to help severely disabled heroes** in desperate need of a helping hand.

We are so grateful for the continued support of friends like you who don't hesitate to give generously to rescue a hero in need.



This hero calls *you* an “Angel of God”

*Every now and then we receive a thank you note so touching, we have to share it with you in its entirety. The letter below was sent to Neida, the Coalition’s Case Manager, by retired Army SSG Cory A., a veteran who struggled to return to normal life after serving bravely in the War on Terror. Your kindness provided a desperately-needed “hand up” to get back on his feet. This thank you letter is for **you**, our faithful Coalition friend and supporter.*



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