



# PARTNERS FOR HEROES

## MONTHLY PLEDGE

## AUTHORIZATION FORM

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

**SAFE. SECURE. SMART.**

FROM:

Dear General Singlaub,

I would like to join the Coalition's new *Partners for Heroes* monthly giving club. I know automatic monthly giving will allow me to make an even bigger impact on the lives of our troops who have been paralyzed, disfigured, blinded, brain-damaged or suffering other disabling injuries in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Please accept my tax-deductible monthly gift in the amount marked below, which will be transferred automatically to the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes on the 15th of each month from my credit card or checking account.

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$5 minimum monthly gift)

Please fill in your credit card information below, or enclose your first month's check.

**(Please choose only one.)** Your monthly gift is tax-deductible, and can be canceled at any time by calling 1-888-447-2588.

I understand that as a member of the Partners for Heroes club I will get less mail from the Coalition, because you will know my monthly gift is coming. And the money saved on printing and postage will make my gift go farther, to help more severely wounded heroes.

### **Giving Option #1:**

Please make my monthly gift in the amount indicated above from my:  Checking account (I have enclosed a check with my first month's donation, please use this information to process future months):

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)

### **Giving Option #2:**

Place my monthly gift on my:  VISA  MasterCard  Amex  Discover

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)

**PROVIDING EMERGENCY AID TO TROOPS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ**

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CSAH IS A NONPROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.



**COALITION TO SALUTE AMERICA'S HEROES (CSAH) FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:** The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization, created to provide a meaningful way for individuals, corporations and others to help our severely wounded and disabled veterans wounded and injured during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and their families rebuild their lives. Severely wounded and disabled War on Terror veterans fight even tougher battles here at home as they struggle to adjust to their newfound circumstances and postwar life. CSAH enables all of us to express our appreciation and support to these heroes by reaching out with much-needed programs that will help them succeed in their challenging new world so they may ultimately enjoy a productive and rewarding life.

**CSAH ACTION STEPS:** You can help the CSAH with public education by spreading the word about the following steps Americans can take to assist our severely wounded troops: (1) putting a Coalition bumper sticker on your car to alert others about the need to support wounded service members, (2) speaking out about the plight of our wounded troops at local clubs, churches and neighborhood meetings, (3) calling into talk radio programs and encouraging others to support our troops, (4) wearing a Coalition bracelet, lapel pin, baseball cap or other item to publicly show your support, (5) holding an event in your community to raise awareness, such as other CSAH supporters have done in their "Swim the Straits" and "Trail to Recovery" events, (6) encouraging business associates to provide support for our troops, and advocating for our wounded troops and their families at chamber of commerce meetings and other business events, and (7) writing or calling your elected officials to educate them about the challenges facing our wounded troops. You can write your two Senators and Congressional Representative at: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC, 20510 and U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515, or call them at 1-202-225-3121 and 1-202-224-3121, respectively.

**OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:** You can also help in the physical, mental and emotional recovery of our severely wounded veterans by: (1) volunteering to run errands for wounded soldiers or their spouses, (2) taking wounded soldiers to a movie, baseball game or other event to help them get reinvolved in their community, (3) mentoring or tutoring wounded troops who need to develop new skills for job training, (4) contacting your local veterans hospital and offering to volunteer your time, (5) organizing a chamber of commerce or other community civic organization breakfast or luncheon, and (6) providing housing for families of wounded soldiers who are recuperating or rehabilitating far from home. Furthermore, you can identify wounded troops in your community who need additional help, then recommend they visit our website at [www.saluteheroes.org](http://www.saluteheroes.org). Yet another way you can help our severely wounded servicemen and women is by volunteering at a Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center near you. Each year thousands of people like yourself are providing millions of hours of health care service to our veterans. Without the help of volunteers, the VA could not provide the quality of health care it offers America's veterans who have been wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The gift of giving can make a real difference to our veteran patients.

Your skilled hands and warm heart are needed by our patients to heal, progress and be comfortable. Through the partnership of dedicated employees and caring volunteers, their needs are being met. As a VA volunteer, you can experience meaningful assignments throughout the Medical Center, as well as in satellite and community outreach locations, at times convenient for you. Careful attention is given to matching the skills and abilities of the volunteer to the varied needs of each facility.

VA staff members appreciate volunteer contributions and express their gratitude through a variety of recognition awards. By contributing your time, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our nation's hospitalized veterans. Other benefits derived from volunteering are the many opportunities to network with health care professionals, socialize and become a member of the largest single health care "team" in the world. Men and women from their teens to their nineties are volunteer partners on this team. Some bring skills and knowledge, while others bring a desire to explore and learn. Many come with the experience of working directly with patients while others bring dependability to assignments behind the scenes. All come bearing the greatest gift of all – themselves. Please visit the Veterans Affairs website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) to find out how you can start helping as a volunteer.

Please be advised that some of the cost of this appeal is regarded by CSAH as a public education program rather than as a fundraising expense. Most of CSAH's public education program efforts are carried out in its direct mail material, such as the one you are now reading.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE (VAVS):** The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS), the largest volunteer program in the Federal government, has provided over 64 years of service to America's veterans seeking care in VA health care facilities. Since 1946, VAVS volunteers have donated over 710 million hours of service. With more than 350 national and community organizations supporting the program, VAVS also is supported by a National Advisory Committee, composed of 60 major veteran, civic and service organizations, which reports to the Under Secretary for Health. As VA has expanded its care of veteran patients into the community, volunteers have become involved. They assist veteran patients by augmenting staff in such settings as hospital wards, nursing homes, community-based volunteer programs, end-of-life care programs, foster care and veterans outreach centers. There were 131,200 volunteers on the rolls during FY 2009 while 84,367 active VAVS volunteers contributed a total of 11,897,208 hours. The FY 2009 total VAVS hours equate to 5,720 full time employee equivalent (FTEE) positions. The current monetary worth of the 11,897,208 hours from all VAVS volunteers is \$241 million (Independent Sector formula estimates a calendar year 2008 volunteer hour at \$20.25). VAVS volunteers and their organizations annually contribute an estimated \$82.5 million in gifts and donations. Monetary estimates aside, it is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers provide to veteran patients. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to the nation's veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) was established by VA Circular No. 117, May 17, 1947, and became a federally chartered advisory committee on February 5, 1975. The Committee provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities, and on other matters relating to volunteerism. It keeps the officers and members of participating organizations informed of volunteer needs and accomplishments. There are currently 60 member organizations represented on the National Advisory Committee.

While we are not affiliated with the Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, VAVS, or NAC, we support their programs and encourage you to volunteer with them.

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Foundation was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1984. The principal place of business is 552 Fort Evans Road, Suite 300, Leesburg, VA 20176 and the phone number is 1-888-447-2588. We have a 501(c)(3) classification from the Internal Revenue Service. Our purpose is to promote fair health and disability assistance to disabled veterans, which includes, but is not limited to, providing a meaningful way for individuals, corporations and others to help our severely wounded and disabled Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans and their families rebuild their lives.

Residents of the following states may request financial statements and other information from the offices indicated (the toll free numbers are for use only within the respective states): Arizona: Financial information filed with the Secretary of State is available for public inspection or by calling toll free 1-800-458-5842. Florida: A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE, WITHIN THE STATE, 1-800-HELP-FLA. REGISTRATION NUMBER CH-18798. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. Illinois: solicitation is being made by professional fund raiser; PFR's name, and a statement that contracts and reports regarding the charity are on file with the Illinois Attorney General. Kansas: The Kansas registration number is 378-407-1. The annual financial report for the preceding fiscal year is on file with the Secretary of State. Maryland: For the cost of postage and copying, documents and information filed under the Maryland charitable organizations laws can be obtained from the Secretary of State, Charitable Division, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401. Mississippi: The official registration and financial information of CSAH may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling 1-888-236-6167. Registration by the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement by the Secretary of State. NEW JERSEY: INFORMATION FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS CHARITABLE SOLICITATION AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHARITY DURING THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD THAT WERE DEDICATED TO THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY CALLING 1-973-504-6215 AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT [WWW.NJCONSUMERAFFAIRS.GOV/OC/HTM#CHARITY](http://WWW.NJCONSUMERAFFAIRS.GOV/OC/HTM#CHARITY). REGISTRATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT. New York: A copy of the latest annual report can be obtained from the organization or from the Office of the Attorney General by writing the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271. North Carolina: Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 1-919-807-2214. The license is not an endorsement by the state. Pennsylvania: The official registration and financial information of Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Virginia: Financial statements are available from the Virginia State Division of Consumer Affairs. Washington: Currently registered with the Washington State Secretary of State as required by law. Registration number 21839. West Virginia: West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

For more information on CSAH programs, please visit our website at: [www.saluteheroes.org](http://www.saluteheroes.org) or e-mail us at [info@saluteheroes.org](mailto:info@saluteheroes.org). Feel free to call us at 1-888-447-2588. CSAH wants to let you know that you are under no obligation to return any of the contents of this mailing. CSAH is audited by a certified public accounting firm.

