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NAPE Awards \$85,000 Grant to Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

Veterans organization receives funding for new 'America's Little Helpers' program

HOUSTON (March 16, 2022) – The <u>Coalition to Salute America's Heroes</u> (Coalition) announced today that it was awarded an \$85,000 grant at the 2022 North American Prospect Expo (NAPE) Summit to help fund its recently launched "America's Little Helpers" program.

"What an honor to be among the recipients of the NAPExpo annual charity awards program," said David Walker, President & CEO of the Coalition, a leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely wounded veterans of the global War on Terror. "Our entire team is greatly appreciative of this distinction. We are a small charity and this contribution means a great deal to us. We take great pride in operating efficiently, and that the lion's share of contributions we receive goes directly to wounded veterans and their families. NAPExpo's support will do much good."

America's Little Helpers was one of three non-profits selected as a grant recipient from NAPE during its annual conference and expo in Houston. This year's keynote speaker was former Secretary of State and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Mike Pompeo.

The mission of America's Little Helpers is to provide the children of wounded and disabled veterans with resources, support and outlets to help them cope and thrive while living with the effects of their parent's mental and physical war wounds. The goal is to provide these brave kids with outlets both in-person and online because the strongest form of support is creating opportunities to bond and form relationships with other children of wounded-veteran families.

About the Coalition

Since its establishment in 2004, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has provided an immediate, invaluable lifeline to thousands of America's combat-wounded veterans. The Leesburg, Va.-based organization is distinguished from other veteran-focused groups by its direct financial assistance to America's wounded heroes. Its Emergency Financial Aid program has stopped foreclosure proceedings on veterans' homes and kept their vehicles from being repossessed. Its innovative Heroes Thanking Heroes program provides transitional, part-time, flexible employment to nearly 50 combat-wounded veterans or their primary caregivers, enabling them to make phone calls from their homes, usually to personally thank donors for their contributions to the Coalition.

For more information on the Coalition, and to learn how you can support its mission, visit <u>www.saluteheroes.org.</u> Combat-wounded/disabled OIF/OEF/OND veterans are invited to join the Coalition and expand their camaraderie network by enrolling in the Veteran Circle program at <u>http://saluteheroes-vetcircle.org</u>.

About NAPE

The NAPE Expo Charities Fund was created to honor and empower wounded veterans in their adjustment back to civilian life through the giving of monies to various charities whose specific mission is to assist and support wounded veterans. Monies donated to the NAPE Expo Charities Fund are to be used for these veterans to promote their recovery and facilitate the adjustment in dealing with injuries received while in the service of their country. Additionally, funds donated can be used to assist in acclimating veterans back into civilian life.

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