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HEROES THANKING HEROES

Rebuilding Lives - Restoring Hope



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THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY

My name is Joseph Baughman. I am married to Tonya. I am alumni with the Wounded Warrior Project and was looking for employment that would work with my disability. They referred me to the Coalition and the fit was perfect. Once I started working with the Coalition I found out it was a good fit for my wife as well, so she joined the team too. Together we have two kids; Aiden who is 10 and Gabriella who is 8.



I SERVED 15 YEARS

in the Marine Corps retiring in 2013. I have done 3 combat tours; 2 to Afghanistan and 1 to Iraq. The extent of my injuries is all mental. I suffer from extreme PTSD and anxiety. I was on the frontlines throughout the battle of Fallujah, Iraq in 2004 and was exposed to what I call hell on earth. I was engaged in various operations in an extremely hostile environment.

THE ENTIRE BATTLE WAS A BLUR TO ME,

constantly being engaged in firefights, sniper fire, indirect fire, and IEDs minute by minute, hour by hour, nonstop.

My recovery has not been easy. There are a lot of things I used to be able to do that I can't, as well as things I have now that I never had before. I have a psychiatrist and therapist I have to see regularly. I am not able to attend any types of events that have lots of people (indoor and outdoor.) I can only go to stores at certain times of the day. I am always on high alert and watchful of everything that is going on.



WHILE MY RECOVERY IS ONGOING

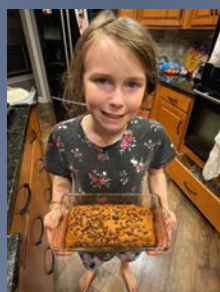
it does affect my wife and kids as well. My loving wife helps me day in and day out with little things around the house as well as when a trigger is hit. My kids are slowly starting to understand my actions, thought processes, and limits.



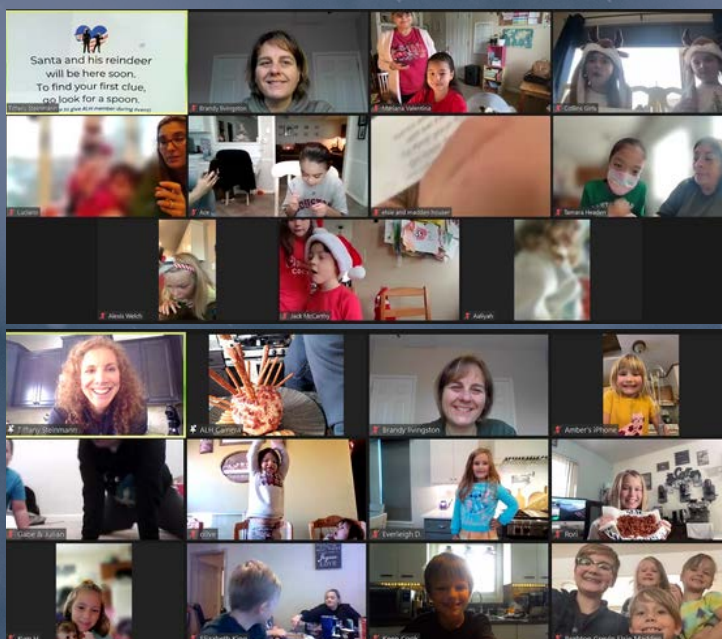
I am blessed to have found the coalition to Salute America's Heroes. It has given me the opportunity to spend more time with my family by working from home. I have met some great people and opened my circle of trust a little bit. It has even given my kids a chance to meet and interact with other kids in the program who live similar lifestyles. America's Little Helpers is fantastic. My daughter has already done a zoom meet and greet with other kids in the program and she loved it. We also did a family puzzle together, which was one of the recent events offered.

America's Little Helpers

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER EVENTS



*We've
Been
Busy!*



IN 2022, WE HOSTED OVER 32 ZOOM EVENTS; NOT INCLUDING OUR 3-DAY MULTI-EVENT SUMMER CAMP, AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES LIKE FAMILY BONDING PUZZLES, VALENTINES CARD EXCHANGE, GRADUATION SIGN PRINTS, & MORE! BRINGING TOGETHER OUR VETERAN FAMILIES IS OUR MISSION, HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WOUNDS OF WAR **COPE ADJUST AND ASPIRE.**

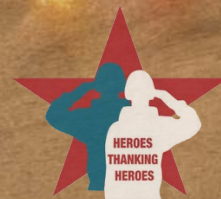
WE HAVE SO MANY IDEAS AND PLANS IN PLACE FOR 2023! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR!

This time of year can be incredibly stressful for wounded veterans and their families. Injuries both visible & invisible can become even tougher- couple that with the financial stressors, and many may wish away a season that used to be a joyful time of year.

Keep in touch with us on the [Retiring Your Boots](#) blog page for inspiration, support, and fresh material in the new year!

And as always...
we are here for you!

RETIRING YOUR BOOTS BLOG



MADE YA' LAUGH!

**WHAT DID THE FISHERMAN
SAY BEFORE BEING TOLD
THE WEATHER FORECAST?**

SAY IT AIN'T SNOW...

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

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[JOIN THOUSANDS OF SERVICE MEMBERS,
VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES IN
SETTING UP FREE 1-HR MENTORSHIP
PHONE CALLS.](#)

[HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND FIND A
REMOTE JOB](#)

[314 CUSTOMER SERVICE JOBS AT SYKES](#)

[VISIT THE AMERICAN LEGION TO SEE IF
THERE IS AN UPCOMING CAREER FAIR IN
YOUR AREA](#)

[HIRING VETERANS: A STEP BY STEP GUIDE](#)

JANUARY

1/ New Years Day
4/ World Braille Day
8/ National Vision Board Day
9/ National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
10/ National Clean off your Desk Day
12/ National Youth Day
17/ Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
26/ National Spouses Day
28/ National Have Fun at Work Day

ALL MONTH

#NationalBloodDonorMonth

#NationalMentoringMonth

*"The best present you can give is the gift
of your presence. Put electronics away
and be present in the moment."*

HJH Social Media Team Lead - Brie



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Our hard-working HTH, VC, & VCA teams celebrated the holiday season in festive attire with friendly games of holiday-themed trivia, hosted by our Trivia Queen & VC Program Manager, Antoinette.

We could not be prouder of the dedication and heart all our teams have poured into their work in 2022.

Thank you to the generous donors of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes for making it possible for these veteran families to have meaningful employment that touches the lives of many other veteran families!

The Coalition received formal approval for the 2022 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). This is now the seventh year running we've been stamped as bona fide by the CFC – another favorable stripe of accreditation.
[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

**COALITION IS A 2022
TOP-RATED NONPROFIT**

★★★★★

"With the Emergency Financial Aid assistance we received during our troubling times, we were able to overcome financial defeat and possible homelessness. I can't thank the Coalition enough for the assistance provided to us when we had NO ONE to turn to. We're forever grateful!" - Veteran Family from GA

GREATNONPROFITS
2022 TOP-RATED
NONPROFIT

HTH FAMILIES CELEBRATING THE SEASON



The Marshall's



The Burrell's



The Livingston's