

# COALITION QUICK FACTS 2023



## MISSION AND RESULTS

The Coalition is a national leader in providing direct financial aid to severely disabled veterans and their families in need. We have disbursed more than \$26 million dollars in aid and other support services through our various programs in the last 13 years and millions more since our inception in 2004. We are dedicated to serve our veterans severely wounded or disabled in the Global War on Terror. Over two-thirds of our staff are combat-wounded veterans or their spouse/caregiver.

## EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID

In 2022, we gave over \$427,000 in direct emergency aid. With these funds, we helped severely wounded service members meet a wide range of day-to-day financial needs – particularly if they are waiting for their disability benefits to begin or have lost income because their spouse had to quit working to become their primary caregiver. Some suffered job loss due to the long-term effects from their original injury and many are facing massive increases in the cost of living due to global inflation. Most often, this aid is used to cover pressing basic expenses such as:

★ Utility Bills ★ Mortgage/ Rent ★ Car Payments ★ Auto Insurance ★ Food, Gas and Basics ★ Home Repairs ★ Medical Bills

## HOLIDAY MEALS AND GIFT CHECK PROGRAM

The difficulties that disabled service members and their families face can become even more acute around the holidays, particularly if their financial resources are limited. To ensure these heroes enjoy these occasions and are aware of the public's gratitude for their sacrifices, we distribute gift checks ranging from \$70 to \$500 prior to holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Since inception over 49,000 checks/cards have been sent across the nation.

## CONFERENCES AND RETREATS

We are committed to helping strengthen marriages and improve family dynamics in our veteran community. The Heroes Freedom Weekend Retreat program is designed to develop interpersonal relationships, improve communication with spouses and create bonding experiences with other veterans. We have hosted nine Road to Recovery Conference and Tributes for more than 800 disabled veterans. These are educational and motivational events for wounded service members and their families where the objective is to enable them to be better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Our Veteran's Caregiver Alliance program includes retreats and provides a vital network of support to caregivers, individual mentors and focus on improving their overall quality of life.

## EMPLOYMENT

The Coalition recognizes that many wounded service members are unable to work in jobs outside the home and that their spouses often must stop working to assume a caregiver role. Over 375 veterans, spouses/caregivers have participated in Heroes Thanking Heroes (HTH) and over 4.5 million 'thank you' calls along with personal thank you notes have been completed. This transitional program helps them earn much-needed income, obtain a marketable skill and become more independent.

## VETERAN RESOURCES AND ADVOCACY

We work with like-minded non-profits, government agencies, and community initiatives, to assure the needs of our disabled veterans and their families are being met. By filling the gap over the years, we have compiled an extensive resource directory and provide advocacy to ALL service members that contact us. Other Salute Heroes Family Network program include:

- ★ Veteran Circle Membership – support network for disabled veterans to connect and receive updates
- ★ Veteran's Caregiver Alliance - network and support resources for caregivers of injured veterans
- ★ America's Little Helpers - to assist children Ages 3-24 of wounded veterans to cope, adjust and aspire

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