



LET OUR WOUNDED HEROES  
KNOW THAT YOU CARE . . .

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YOUR FREE GIFT IS ENCLOSED...

# My 2016 New Year Gift for Our Heroes

# Donation Card

**YES**, I want to help ensure that our veterans and wounded troops receive the help and support services they need. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

\$10

\$15

\$20

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card.  
*(See reverse for my credit card information.)*

I have enclosed a check made payable to **The American Legion**.

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Anytown, US 12345-6789



Send your donation in the enclosed envelope or mail to:  
**The American Legion National Headquarters**  
**Donation Processing Center**  
**PO Box 21016**  
**Tulsa, OK 74121-1016**



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Please charge my credit card.



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*If you wish to modify your communications with us, please write to us at  
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The background of the page features a faded American flag in the upper portion, with its stars and stripes visible. Below the flag is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise scene with a warm orange and yellow glow over a dark horizon line. The entire page is framed by a thin blue border with red stars at the corners.

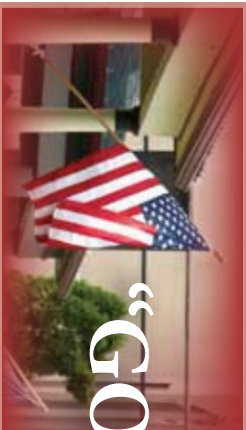
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I SUPPORT OUR  
HERROES!



“GOD BLESS AMERICA”



# LET a wounded hero know that you care.



Dear Patriot,

Chris describes the moments that changed his life forever...

**“There were four to six of them. They hit us with small arms, around 5:30 or 6 p.m. It took about 50 seconds for the first round to hit, about 50 meters in front of us. We jumped out, throwing people under cover for protection. I just stayed out there too long, making sure my guys were protected.”**

A mortar landed three feet in front of Chris’s face, ripping through his arm and hand – nearly severing his finger. A sniper’s bullet shattered his elbow.

**“I can tell you second by second. It comes back to me every day. All I saw was all the blood. I was under a truck and just gushing. I lost three to three-and-a-half pints. I’m lucky I didn’t bleed out. With all the adrenalin and all, I didn’t feel my arm.”**

His buddies saved his life, throwing Bain on the hood of a humvee and rushing him to a combat hospital.

**“Everything was like slow motion. I saw a medic. He was going, ‘What hurts?’ I couldn’t hear him but I read his lips, saying ‘what hurts?’ I said, ‘My finger, it’s killing me.’ He said, ‘Your finger? Have you seen your arm?’ I said, ‘What’s wrong with my arm?’”**

It was only when he woke up weeks later at Walter Reed Army Medical Center that he began to comprehend the extent of his injuries. Chris refused to allow them to amputate his arm, enduring eight surgeries to save it.

## **America’s wounded warriors need your help!**

Because I know I can count on your generosity to help heroes like Chris, I have enclosed a special patriotic notepad as special thanks for your thoughtful and prompt reply.

Since the onset of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we have seen thousands of young men and women, like Chris, return home with serious, life-changing injuries.

(over, please)



**Chris Bain**

An overwhelming number of our heroes are quietly suffering from the effects of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries. The Pentagon estimates that nearly 360,000 troops have experienced brain injuries during their service to our country.

These young service men and women are turning to The American Legion for help, and we need your help to ensure they get it. Many of our wounded combat veterans have a greater percentage of disability than has been determined by a panel – which directly affects the amount of benefits and retirement they receive from the military.

In those cases, The American Legion steps in and helps the soldier appeal or argue for additional medical evaluations. For those who have suffered from TBI's – the healing process is often slow, and the need for long term medical attention and support is significant.

**Veterans need your help! We must help our American heroes receive the medical attention and services they need!**

The American Legion is leading the effort to address the TBI epidemic and to insure that veterans who need help do not fall through the cracks of our VA health system.

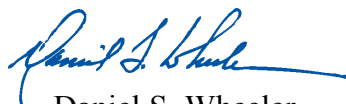
Thanks to the kindness of friends like you, The American Legion continues to work hard collaborating with doctors and care providers across the country to ensure that our wounded warriors who have suffered Traumatic Brain Injuries are provided the best quality care possible.

**We are there for our nation's heroes . . . whether we are fighting to ensure they get the care they deserve or providing them with what they need to get our wounded warriors through their long hospital stays and recoveries.**

I know you stand with our nation's heroes who have sacrificed so much and ask for so little in return! **Please fill out the enclosed Thank You card and return it to me with your best gift.** I will see to it that your card is delivered to a veteran whose spirits need lifting through your kind words.

On behalf of the millions of veterans we serve, thank you. May God bless you and your family as we begin a New Year and may God bless America.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Wheeler  
National Adjutant

*P.S. Please send your gift today and enjoy the special personalized notepad and address labels—my gift to you as thanks for your generosity.*





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*Thank You!*

# Thank You!

Use the space above to write a personal message to a veteran.

Thank you for giving your best,  
For bravely standing up against  
the enemies of our freedom,  
and for unselfishly protecting our way of life.

I salute you and thank you for  
your service to our country!

Sincerely,

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My donation is enclosed

Thank You card for a veteran enclosed



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