“Heroes to Hometowns” Making an Impact
Helping Veterans Return Home

Over the past three weeks, the "Heroes to Hometowns" (H2H) program has assisted twenty-three veterans in 16 different states. H2H is a program that reaches out to severely disabled soldiers and their families as they transition from military service to the civilian community.” Through the American Legion's representative at the Military Severely Injured Center located in the Pentagon, severely injured service members can request transition assistance from the American Legion after leaving service.

The American Legion has been involved in the Heroes to Hometowns program since Past National Commander Bock signed the Memorandum of Understanding with The Department of Defense in July 2006. With nearly 15,000 posts around the country, the Secretary of Defense recognized the importance of partnering with The American Legion in order to utilize the nationwide community of veterans to help returning OEF/OIF veterans in their hometowns. Child care, temporary housing, errand-running, adapting homes or vehicles, spiritual support, government claims assistance and financial aid are just some of what your Legion post will provide. Your support for these returning soldiers is incalculable in the good that it will do for them and for the Legion.

The Heroes to Hometown program is currently developing state-level committees to foster partnerships and pool resources for severely injured service members. Illinois is the first state to have a full state-level Heroes to Hometowns committee. Many of the other states will quickly have their own committees. A national roster listing all the committee members will be available soon after to develop the program's state resources.

In preparation for the holidays, the Heroes to Hometowns program is identifying families of severely injured service members who want assistance in making sure they have a joyous holiday season. If you know a severely injured service member in need of assistance, please contact Scott Sundsvold at 703 692 2054.
More information on the Heroes to Hometowns program is available on The American Legion Homepage. [http://www.legion.org/?content=heroes2hometown](http://www.legion.org/?content=heroes2hometown) or go to [http://www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and follow the link under Military Support. The American Legion's Heroes to Hometowns Post Guide "When They Come Home" will soon be available in PDF on the website. Currently a hard copy can be obtained by contacting your American Legion Department Headquarters.

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