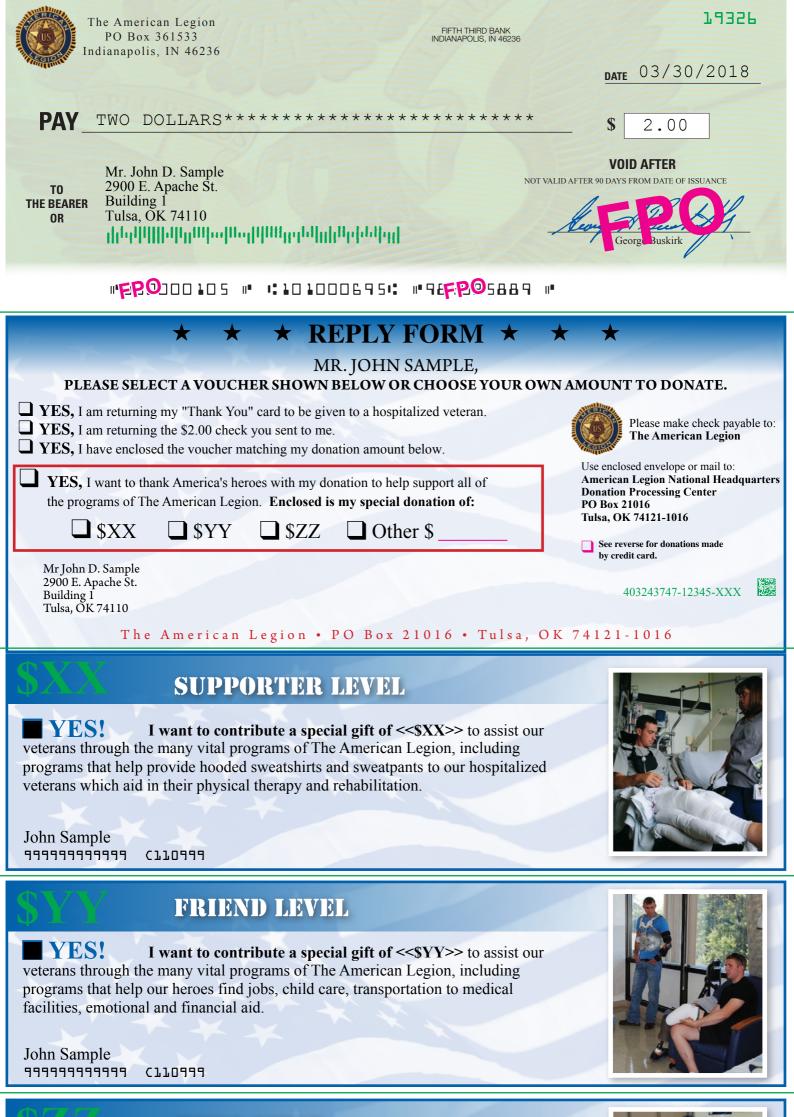


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#### HERO LEVEL

**YES!** I want to contribute a special gift of <<\$ZZ>>> to assist our veterans through the many vital programs of The American Legion including programs that assist our veterans with disability claims and our thorough efforts to fight for the benefits our veterans have earned in Washington.

John Sample

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#### REP-CHK-18

□ I would like to receive periodic email updates from The American Legion. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

I have included a check. Please make check payable to: The American Legion.	
Please charge my credit card. Please charge my credit card. Please charge my credit card.	
Card Number:	Amount: \$
Signature:	Expiration Date:

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### THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN FOREVER CHANGED WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Dear Fellow American,

If you were to cash the enclosed \$2.00 check, you may be able to buy a cup of coffee—or perhaps a newspaper. **It's a real check!** It's pocket change to you and me, but it means a whole lot more to some very special Americans. Our veterans have given so much in service to our country and ask nothing in return, so I am asking for them!

## <u>I am counting on you to send this check back to me because ANY gift-of ANY size-can help make a difference in the life of an American Hero.</u>

Visit any military hospital and you will see countless examples of what words like heroism, honor, determination, and patriotism truly mean.

Many of our heroes are fighting painful battles—far from the front lines of war—in military hospitals around the country. They face months, sometimes years, of grueling surgeries and therapies before they are even able to go back home to their families.



Sgt. Tom Shepard, injured by an IED blast in Afghanistan.

The American Legion's mission is to assure that no veteran falls through the cracks of our system and to help ensure their needs are met. Through our program Operation Comfort Warriors, we provide our wounded heroes with items they need to help make their recovery in the hospital more bearable.

Thanks to caring Americans like you, we have provided thousands of items to our wounded troops—items like loose-fitting sweatshirts and pants, which provide amputees and burn victims warmth and flexibility without adding pressure to burns and other wounds. We have even purchased special equipment needed by hospitals to help treat those who suffer from ailments like PTSD and severe head injuries.

Our brave young heroes, wounded or not, will need our help when they return home. Imagine spending months—sometimes years—away from home, in a hostile environment. Too many have seen the horrors of war firsthand and carry emotional and mental scars. Others come home with physical disabilities and need help finding special services or employment.

Whether they are young or old, married or single, fathers, mothers, daughters or sons, they all have one thing in common; they have been forever changed by war-changed in an instant while serving our great nation—and they will never again be the same person who left their hometown for basic training months or even years ago.

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The American Legion helps our troops who are returning home with disabilities and challenges. We help them ease into their hometown and connect with the network of services they need in order to continue the healing process.

When you send a generous gift today, you will help connect injured soldiers with the services that best fit the special needs so suddenly thrust upon them. Whether the needs involve finding jobs, adapting homes and vehicles, child care, medical transport, or spiritual and financial support, together, we will be there to lend a hand.

By following just three easy steps, we can ensure that our veterans are taken care of. It is the least we can do for those who bravely stepped up and answered their country's call.

**Step**<sup>#</sup>**:** Write a note of thanks on the card I have enclosed. I will see that your card is hand-delivered to a hospitalized veteran. Think of what your card will mean to a hospitalized veteran when you let them know the sacrifices they made for their country are not forgotten. It costs nothing but will make a huge difference to the veteran who receives it.

Step # 2: Detach one of the vouchers attached to the reply form that matches your gift amount, or simply check the "other" box to indicate your giving level. Whether we are helping wounded warriors, helping our troops as they return home, or helping veterans with their VA claims, your gift will provide meaningful support to veterans when they need it most.

**Step #3:** Mail these items along with the enclosed check and your very best gift in the enclosed reply envelope. Remember, more important than the size of your gift is just knowing that you support our American Heroes. Please don't delay — send your gift today!

Our veterans, our troops, and their families have sacrificed SO MUCH for our great country and have asked for nothing in return. **They need OUR help.** Please send a generous gift today!

Yours for our wounded heroes,

Daniel S. Wheeler National Adjutant The American Legion

es, Don't forget to sign the enclosed Thank You card - for a hospitalized veteran!

P.S. Please help us insure that no American Hero is left behind ... take a few minutes to complete the enclosed reply form and return your best gift - along with your voucher - TODAY!



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#### Sincerely,

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

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



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