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**THE COALITION TO SALUTE AMERICA'S HEROES AND THE AMERICAN LEGION PROVIDING
\$120,000 IN THANKSGIVING CHECKS TO WOUNDED MILITARY FROM AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ WARS**

Second-year partnership of non-profit groups to benefit 2,000 service members across the country

WILTON, CT – November 14, 2011 – For the second year in a row, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH) and The American Legion are joining forces to ensure several thousand military service members severely wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq get to enjoy a special meal at Thanksgiving with those closest to them.

During the week of November 14, the two non-profit organizations will be mailing out 2,000 gift checks worth \$60 each to disabled service members across the country so they can appropriately celebrate the upcoming holiday with family and friends. The funds reflect charitable contributions made to the CSAH, which since 2004 has been dedicated to providing emergency financial aid and other support services to those who were injured in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

“Our donors feel very strongly that these brave men and women should not only be assisted with rebuilding their lives, but also recognized for the sacrifices they have made to defend our freedoms, and what better time to do that than on Thanksgiving,” said [David Walker, chairman of the CSAH's board of directors](#). “We are very grateful to The American Legion for helping us identify so many deserving recipients of these checks and enabling us to deliver them promptly and efficiently.”

Peter Gaytan, executive director of The American Legion in Washington, said, “Once again, we are honored to join with the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes in such a worthwhile undertaking. Thanksgiving is a time when all Americans take stock of their many blessings. And one of those blessings everyone should appreciate is the dedication of our men and women in uniform who protect our country's liberties with their lives.”

In addition to this year's joint initiative with The American Legion, the CSAH will be providing another 1,000 checks of equal value to severely wounded service members who are listed in the organization's own records. That will bring to nearly 8,000 the number of Thanksgiving gift checks the CSAH has distributed altogether since 2009. The Connecticut-based organization also provides wounded service members with checks of varying amounts in connection with other holidays throughout the year, such as Christmas and Easter.

For more information on the CSAH, visit its website at www.saluteheroes.org.

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About the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes is a leading non-profit organization dedicated to helping severely wounded troops from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The mission of the organization is to enable these servicemen and women to transition from the battlefield to the home front and to provide them and their families with the assistance needed to get their lives back on track.

Since it was founded in 2004, the CSAH has partnered with corporate sponsors, individual contributors and volunteers to contribute millions of dollars in aid and support services in more than 21,000 cases. Among the organization's other initiatives is its all-expenses-paid Road to Recovery Conference & Tribute, at which those disabled during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their families, can attend seminars and job fairs, receive career counseling and evaluations, and hear inspirational success stories.

For more information on how the CSAH can help you or to learn how you can help, please visit the organization's website at www.saluteheroes.org.