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## MILLION DOLLAR BABY

It was in the early days of the 2005 Holiday Season, during one of my quiet evening walks around my Maryland neighborhood, when the idea to create a fund to help our wounded warriors was first conceived in my mind.

At that time, we were all watching on television as young Americans – some severely wounded – were returning to the United States from the battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Soon thereafter, I officially established the Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund (CSRF), and the first few contributions – a few thousand dollars that first year – were gratefully accepted and presented (100%) to recovering young men and women at nearby Walter Reed Hospital.

2005 was also the year that Million Dollar Baby won four Oscars, including one for Best Picture and one for Best Director for Clint Eastwood. At that time I never dreamed that my own "baby", the Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund, might someday grow up to become a "Million Dollar Baby" itself, but friends, we are now just \$25,400 short of that moment.

Literally thousands of injured service men and women have been touched by your generosity over these past 12 years. Over this time you have given a "Fistful of Dollars" (Clint Eastwood 1964) to help our fellow Americans who have sacrificed so much for our security and our safety. We are all so very thankful for your showing these young men and women that they are not forgotten.



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So my 2018 Holiday wish to you is "For a Few Dollars More" (Clint Eastwood 1965) during this blessed 2018 season of hope and love and giving to others. I'm asking if you can you make this the year that we finally create that Million Dollar Baby.

As Clint would say, you would really: "Make My Day!"



THE HOLIDAY SEASON HAS ARRIVED – A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING AND GIFT-GIVING. AS WE GIVE SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR FAMILIES, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A HOLIDAY GIFT OF THANKS TO A WOUNDED SOLDIER SO THAT HIS OR HER FAMILY CAN ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS AS MUCH AS WE WILL WITH OUR OWN FAMILIES.

