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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME YOUR "MILLION DOLLAR BABY!"

I am so delighted and so very thankful to everyone for your great response to our fundraising challenge at the Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund that put us over the top of our \$1,000,000 goal. Every single one of those one million dollars that you have contributed over the Fund's past 12 years has gone 100% DIRECTLY to a wounded serviceman or woman. You have really made a difference in hundreds of lives by saying THANK YOU with your checks to these brave young people who have given so very much to us and to our country.

Thank you so much for your support—but as you know, the work must continue—and now I need to ask that you sign you up for our SECOND million dollars! Seriously, we still have recovering soldiers who are facing long and difficult circumstances as they work hard to recover from complex and severe injuries sustained over the years in Iraq and Afghanistan and other faraway places where they served to protect our freedoms.

Memorial Day happens at the end of this month—a day to remember those Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice—those who died so that we may be free. A beautiful poem called "The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon describes my thoughts on this special day of remembrance:

"They shall not grow old, as we are left to grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember them."





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These are words for them—for The Fallen—for those who never returned home to buy a house in the suburbs and mow a lawn and raise a family or go to college or start a career or hug a grandchild. We are so grateful to them and we honor them on this special day. We also honor all those who returned home, but especially those with injuries that have critically altered their lives and the lives of their families. We can honor The Fallen this Memorial Day by remembering the living who are struggling to recover, to adapt and to create a new life overcoming their injuries. We cannot say "Thank you" to them too often. And I can't say "Thank You" too often to everyone who has been so generous to the Fund over these many years. I wish you a blessed Memorial Day.



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