

Many troops who have returned from Iraq or Afghanistan severely burned, blinded or paralyzed are struggling just to feed their families. These brave men and women have made painful sacrifices for us (and our families).

And since the Knights of Columbus supports patriotic causes, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes wants you to know about something special you can do for them in return this Easter.

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has just launched an Emergency Easter Meal Project. Their goal is to deliver \$60 to hundreds of severely wounded troops so they can put Easter dinner on the table.

Can they count on your financial support? Please say yes.

Below is an appeal from one of the coalition workers:

My name is Major General John K. Singlaub, U.S. Army (Ret.), and I served our nation in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Now I am working with the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, which provides emergency financial aid for troops who have been severely wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Our generous supporters have already responded with emergency financial aid to more than 11,000 requests from America's disabled GIs, and provided them with more than \$22 million in emergency financial aid and other support services.

Please join our generous, patriotic family of supporters by making a donation to the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes at: [Emergency Easter Meal Project | www.saluteheroesproject.org](http://www.saluteheroesproject.org)

When America's disabled GIs return home, out of the blue they are blindsided by another disaster — a disaster they never expected and couldn't possibly plan for. A disaster most Americans don't even know is happening.

The wounded GI's disability check takes six months . . . nine months . . . even a year to arrive. He is wounded so badly he can't take care of himself, so his wife quits her job to take care of him. Suddenly he is facing a financial catastrophe and has nowhere to turn.

You, and me, and other patriotic Americans must be there for them. *Because they were there for us.*

The Coalition's **Emergency Easter Meal Project** was created to help disabled troops like:

- Blair William Didion Sr., who told us he sometimes relies on "food from public pantries" after suffering spinal fractures from a roadside bomb in Iraq.
- Retired Army Sgt. Joshua Johnson of Colorado, who was injured in Iraq. After receiving emergency financial aid from Coalition supporters like you, Joshua wrote, "We were not going to be able to buy groceries for the month. The gratitude that my family and I have for the help you provided is hard to put into words."
- And Paul Thurman, whose wife had to resort to selling her blood plasma to buy food after he was injured in Iraq.

Emergency Easter donations can help the Coalition rescue our wounded heroes from having to get their Easter Dinner from a public pantry, or (God forbid) from having to sell their blood plasma to buy groceries.

The severely wounded serviceman or woman who receives help might even live in your neighborhood, attend your church or shop at your grocery store. Or perhaps their parents do. So please **send as generous an Easter gift as you can afford.**

As you can imagine, the wives and mothers of our troops who have been blinded, badly burned or maybe even paralyzed are suffering as well. So instead of cooking Easter dinner at home, some families may decide to "give Mom a break," and use their \$60 to take her out to a restaurant on Easter Sunday.

That way they can enjoy Easter weekend with their family — just like you and I will.

Bear in mind: The Easter Season is the perfect time to thank these disabled heroes for the painful sacrifices they've made. After all, these brave men and women went to war to protect our freedom. Now many will never be able to see, or hear, or use their arms or legs again after being hit by a roadside bomb.

You and I can't heal their physical injuries or make them whole again. (No one can.)

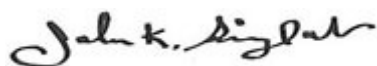
But helping to put Easter dinner on their table will let them know their fellow Americans appreciate the painful sacrifice they made for our country.

Finally, I'd like to show you what a difference your kindness can make. Kristi P. is a young servicewoman who suffered a devastating injury in Iraq. After receiving emergency financial aid from Coalition supporters like you, Kristi wrote back to say,

"Your gift brought tears of Thanksgiving to my eyes. . . . It felt like God was smiling upon me and reminding me what I gave really did matter."

Please make the most **generous Easter donation** you can afford right now. And let me be the first to wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

With respect and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John K. Singlaub".

Major General John K. Singlaub
U.S. Army (Ret.)

P.S. As I mentioned, some of our GIs have resorted to getting their food from public pantries, and others are selling their blood plasma to feed their children.

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Remember, Easter is the perfect time to let a wounded hero know their fellow Americans understand the painful sacrifices they have made and are wishing their family well this Easter Season. Thank you for your generosity and your patriotism.