



Dear Caring Friend,

It took horrendous sacrifice for Robin Griffith's battalion to capture the city of Nasiriyah during the invasion of Iraq. Nineteen U.S. Marines died in a single day of the bitter weeklong battle.

Robin returned home unhurt from this battle. But during his second combat tour in war-torn Iraq, the blast of an enemy mortar sprayed shrapnel into his leg as well as many other parts of his body.

The blast nearly amputated Robin's arm, too! Today, he cannot move his elbow, and stabbing pains continue to sear through his arm. Burn scars cover one-third of his body.

But when asked if he'd change anything about the terrible sacrifice he made for our country, he shrugs it off. He says he'd only change the trajectory of the mortar that got him. That's it, nothing else.

Robin would do it all over again for America, for you and me.

Robin's patriotism sticks and will not let go ... like the enclosed labels, a free gift with no obligation. And I hope you'll use those patriotic labels to contact others and encourage them to honor our wounded warriors like Robin.

Describing his feelings after his injuries, Robin summed up the urgent need for your help: "I was scared I would not be able to work to provide for my young family. Everything had changed ... Instead of a confident young Marine, I was a disabled father and husband."

But as Robin was at his lowest point, you were there to offer your help and show your support through the Wounded Warrior Project!

And today I must ask, will you continue to encourage Robin and help other wounded warriors re-build their new lives with your crucial gift of \$25 ... \$35 ... \$50 ... or more?

These are desperate times for many. Robin's story shows how essential your role is in the lives of our brave young Americans as they return home wounded from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Surfacing from a coma in an Army hospital in the United States, Robin had nothing but a pair

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of shorts. He was so glad to receive a WWP backpack filled with clothes, toiletries and other essentials in his room. And that is just the start of his relationship with you and the Wounded Warrior Project!

Robin cannot play the sports he used to love—basketball, football, and baseball—the same way he once did. But through WWP, you introduced him to new outdoor activities. He is now an avid golfer.

With renewed confidence, Robin is in college, studying history with an eye toward teaching or civil service. Last summer, he traveled a wide region of the country as part of an effort to bring Wounded Warrior Project services to others who suffered the tragic impact of today's wars.

And Robin loves bringing hope to others like himself. He says, "*When I'm able to help these guys who are just coming home with an injury, I can tell them, 'Hey look, I'm fine. You're going to be okay.' I feel like I'm doing what I need to be doing.*"

Robin explained why your support through the Wounded Warrior Project is critical: "*It's chaotic, coming back from Iraq or Afghanistan. It's such a big transition. The wounded have to be patient with their own recoveries, with their physical and mental health. WWP helps those who are wounded to see what they can do physically, and it helps mentally.*"

I hope you'll do a couple of things to encourage that process of recovery. For one, will you sign the enclosed thank you card, and return it with your gift to the Wounded Warrior Project today?

I'll get your card to one of our newly injured troops right away. This simple gesture costs nothing, but your signature on that card sends a personal message straight from you to a hero in the hospital.

Please do whatever you can to show your support for our freedom's defenders. Fly your flag. Attend parades and patriotic events. Stand with your hand over your heart during our national anthem. And help others to remember the high price paid for the freedoms we Americans enjoy.

Finally, please send your most generous gift today for American heroes like Robin. They made enormous sacrifices for the country you and I treasure. They need your help now!



Robin while serving our country as a U.S. Marine

Trusting in Your Kindness!

John Melia, Executive Director
Wounded Warrior Project

P.S. Thank you for helping our nation's heroes like Robin build *new* lives. Please send your much-needed gift today!