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The horrors and atrocities of war in the Middle East continue to light up our television screens day and night sending us monstrous and painful images of bloodshed, cruelty and savagery against innocent civilians.

Beheadings, crucifixions, mass murders, and bombings of marketplaces and places of worship are the tools used by the terrorist to intimidate, torture and persecute those men, women and yes, even children, who do not submit to their demands.

The main goal of these terrorists is to replicate and disseminate these horrific television images onto the streets, malls and other public places of America and any democratic nation that opposes them. Just this month Australian police broke up a terrorist plot to kidnap residents of Sydney at random and publicly behead them.

Thus we are reminded again and again that the world is a dangerous place and that it is the vigilance and sacrifices of our dedicated military personnel that continues to provide America with its first line of defense against those who aggressively and endlessly plot to recreate these horrific images right here in the United States.

In the war against terrorism, we are forever grateful to those servicemen and women who have sacrificed their lives and deeply thankful to those young American warriors who have returned home with severe injuries – often debilitating injuries that will take a lifetime of recovery and rehabilitation.

The Veterans Administration (VA) is there to help these heroes when they get home, but unfortunately, they do not have the resources or the authority to help recovering veterans with the unusual or unexpected financial problems that they sometimes confront. That's tragic; that's flawed, but it is a fact.

And that's when I get the call here at the Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund (CSRF).

Today I'd like to give you an opportunity to say "thank you" in a very personal and singular way to these courageous wounded warriors and their caring families. Your contribution – 100% of your contribution – will help me to answer the call of one of our wounded warriors with a pressing financial need.

Please give what you can today. Help me answer that next call with a great big "YES, we can help. We can help make a small difference in your life because you have made a big difference in ours."

Help us help the families that helped to protect ours. Give today to the Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund.

Please send donations to:

Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund
3804 Williams Lane
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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THE COMBAT SOLDIERS RECOVERY FUND ON THE RED CARPET AT FILM FESTIVAL

At the Oscars, they always ask the arriving stars: "Who are you wearing?"

Thanks to our good friends at F.H. Furr Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning – who teamed up with our good friends at Comcast – the answer at the Comcast Film Festivals in Alexandria and Rockville this summer was: "Our truck is wearing a Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund wrap designed exclusively by F.H. Furr himself!"



And like everyone at a film festival, we were there looking for autographs. And each one of those autographs – some of them captured here by the local paparazzi – means \$1.00 from F.H. Furr to the CSRF – up to \$5,000!

Furr may be politically incorrect on the red carpet in Hollywood, but here in Washington, we LOVE our F.H. Furr!

MONUMENT BANK SLIPS INTO JEANS FOR CSRF

Would you be willing to pay cash money to get out of that uncomfortable business suit or dress and slip into something more casual at work? They were willing to do exactly that at Monument Bank in Bethesda, MD, and it earned the CSRF a check for \$1,000! Jeans Day comes to the bank one Friday every month when employees are given the opportunity to wear jeans to work – but only if they make a donation to charity. It's a great community outreach program – with signage in the lobby and nametags highlighting the chosen charity. To those Monument employees who slipped into jeans for CSRF, a great big thank you!

