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My Fellow Legionnaires:

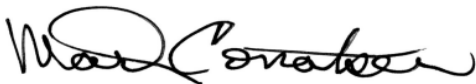
The American Legion has partnered with the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes in an effort to distribute \$500 grants to service members who have a 30 percent or higher disability rating as a result of injuries sustained while serving in the theaters of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The American Legion will distribute a total of \$500,000 to OIF/OEF veterans meeting the criteria.

I am asking that the Departments through the Adjutants and Service Officers help in identifying the deserving veterans of OIF/OEF who will benefit from these grants. Once you have identified a qualified veteran, forward the veteran's name, address, branch of service and contact information to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division for processing -- ssouthern@legion.org or call 202-263-2983.

Once approved, the checks will be mailed directly to the Department for distribution. The Department Commander should then determine who will deliver the checks. We suggest that it be an officer from a post in the veteran's community.

The success of this program depends on our ability to identify those veterans who are eligible for this grant. I thank you for your support in this most worthwhile endeavor on behalf of America's heroes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Conatser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marty" being more prominent and stylized than the last name "Conatser".

MARTIN "MARTY" CONATSER
National Commander