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Greetings Fellow Sons,

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude for your grassroots support for my Commander's Project, the **Gary Sinise Foundation (GSF)**. Your generosity has been nothing short of amazing and is in the best traditions of our organization. On behalf of **GSF** and the Veterans and families they assist, **THANK YOU!!**

GSF creates and supports unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities. Their **R.I.S.E.** program (Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment), builds specially adapted smart homes for our most severely wounded heroes. They also provide home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to our injured, wounded, ill, and/or aging heroes.

The **GSF Snowball Express** serves the children and surviving spouse of fallen military heroes. GSF is committed to programming and support that holds space to honor their fallen heroes while also helping create new memories as they move forward. Since 2018, 11,639 children of fallen military heroes & their surviving parent/guardian joined us for Snowball Express.

Another **GSF** program is **Soaring Valor**. You may find it interesting that fewer than 500,00 World War II Veterans are still with us. Through **Soaring Valor**, World War II veterans and their guardians are brought to New Orleans to tour The National WWII Museum built in their honor. Their experience includes entertainment, celebratory meals, and community building with their fellow heroes. Students who accompany our veterans continue their stories with a new appreciation for the sacrifices made by an entire generation, the Greatest Generation. As a Son of a World War II Marine, it is imperative that we make every attempt to honor those Veterans.

To learn about GSF programs or help us do a little more by making a donation, please visit: <https://donate.garysinisefoundation.org/SonsCommanderProject>

Again, THANK YOU for your efforts and support.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,

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"While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, we can always do a little more" - Gary Sinise

