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**NEVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY
HAVE SO FEW, DEFENDED
SO MANY, FOR SO LONG.**

THE ISSUE WE FACE

- 2.3 million Service members have deployed since 2001.
- The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan represent not only the longest wars fought by our military but also the longest fought by an all-volunteer force.
- 90% of wounded Service members survive their injuries.
- 1 in 4 returning Service members suffer from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and other mental health problems.
- Service members with the invisible wounds of war are twice as likely to attempt or commit suicide.

A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT

The Camaraderie Foundation was founded by Michael and Marrie Waldrop, a couple who faced trying times when Michael was deployed to Afghanistan to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon returning home, not only was he awarded a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars for Valor, but also the chance to lead a happy and healthy civilian life. Post deployment, the Waldrops found Christian counseling to be vital in the reintegration of their marriage. He has observed others who could have benefited from professional and spiritual counseling, but avoided seeking it out, because of the stigma often attached to it.

The organization was founded on the belief that every returning veteran and military family who has a need for private counseling, should get it - without feeling financially burdened, judged or isolated.

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**HOW CAN YOU
GET INVOLVED?**

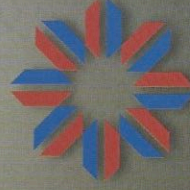
By supporting **Camaraderie Foundation**, you are touching the lives of wounded heroes and their families.

To learn more about our programs and services, visit our website at

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THANK YOU

for helping us support
our military families!



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**YOU FOUGHT FOR US.
★ NOW IT'S OUR TURN ★
★★★ TO FIGHT FOR YOU.**



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Many Service Members and their families are going without the care they need and deserve.



A MISSION TO SERVE

At **Camaraderie Foundation**, we know firsthand the impact the war has had on our Service members and their families. The invisible wounds from war may be in the form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury, depression, divorce, alcoholism and social withdrawal, etc. And the effects don't stop there. The impact on the families is almost always forgotten with the focus on the Veteran. For the Veteran's family, the impact may be seen in spousal and child abuse, social challenges, and lower academic scores for the children of deployed parents.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Camaraderie Foundation's goal is to have a positive impact on the military family's transition back to civilian life by providing counseling, programs, and support services. Together, we can change the lives of all Military Service

OUR PROGRAMS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Family Fun Days provide opportunities to meet and connect with other military families who are in similar situations.

EDUCATION AND STRATEGIES

Family members and veterans (both immediate and extended) receive education, coping strategies and tools they can use to help in the transition home.

GROUP EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

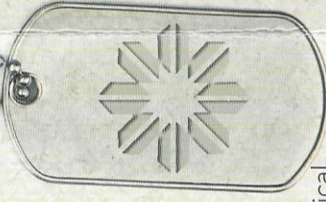
Through counselor-led group support sessions, participants learn from each other and receive sound, clinical guidance as to how best to support their loved ones.

Each meeting offers practical tools for immediate use, as well as resources and education to help veterans and family members understand and modify "triggers" for a healthier transition.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SUPPORT

Service members and their immediate family may receive 12 sessions of private counseling to assist with the unique challenges of military life and deployments.

Clients may choose an approved, licensed practitioner that fits their needs, ranging from marriage.



SERVING OUR VETERANS

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM A 3RD TOUR COMBAT U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN:

I just wanted to let you know that I've had my first counseling session. It seemed to go very well. My fiancée and I will meet with the counselor again this week. Things are still difficult, which I know is to be expected, but it was nice to be able to unload some of this.

Thank you for all that you are doing. Really. You know as well as I what kind of support there is for troops once they come back. Almost six years ago, I was part of the group that built up Family Programs support in my home state, so I know how hard it can be to make resources available. Having now returned myself, I'm just very, very grateful that your foundation is around.

God Bless.

To be considered for financial assistance or to make an appointment with one of our counselors, visit our website or call (407) 841-0071.