#### US Special Operations Command



#### **USSOCOM Care Coalition**

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# USSOCOM Care Coalition Overview

#### Mission:

- Provide Special Operations Warriors And Their Families A <u>Model Advocacy Program</u> In Order To Enhance Their Quality Of Life And <u>Strengthen Special Operations Readiness</u>.
  - Support The <u>Entire</u> SOF Family Everyone Qualifies
    - Active, Guard, Reserve, Retired, Separated
    - Wounded, III, or Injured And Their Family Our Primary Focus
    - Family
    - Survivors
  - Advocacy <u>For Life</u>
  - All Encompassing Pay, Benefits, VA, TRICARE, etc.
  - <u>Leverage Existing Programs</u> Government or Non-Government
  - <u>Unite</u> SOF and Non-SOF Benevolent Organizations
  - Tenacious <u>Follow-up</u>
  - Biased Toward Action

**Knowing What's Out There and What's Not – Getting Both** 



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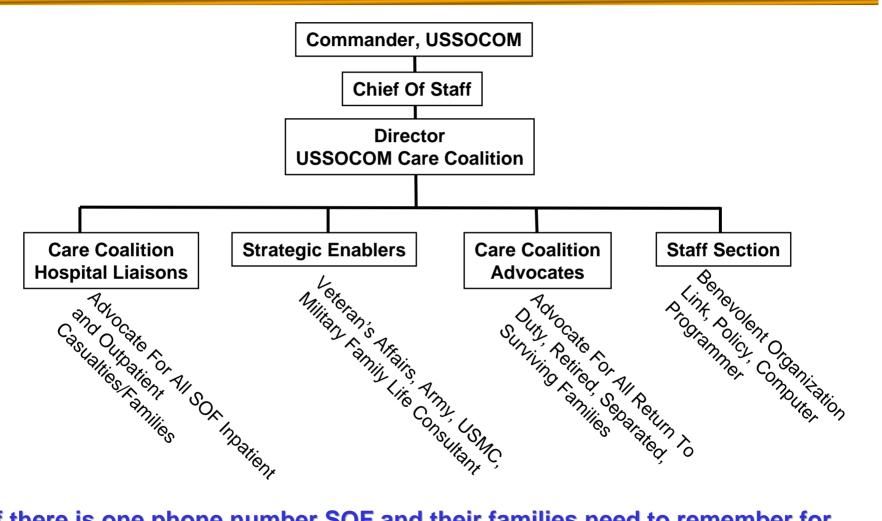
#### Our Model

- Focus On The Mission. Return As Many Wounded, Ill, Or Injured To Duty As Quickly As Possible Operationally Fit And Mentally Prepared
- Family Security, Safety, And Well-Being Are Critical To Mission Success
- Partner With Other Organizations (Government/Non-Government) Who Are Chartered To Provide A Service – And Ensure They Provide The Best Service To Our Forces
- Keeping Our Wounded, III, And Injured And Their Families Informed To Ensure They Can Make Informed Decisions
- Don't Exclude Anyone From The Program. Help Anyone Who's In Need.
- Solve The Immediate Problem By Any Means, Then Change The System To Resolve It For All

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What it's all about....taking care of those who are taking care of us!



### **VIGNETTES**



### Chuck – Night Stalker

Only surviving crew member in helo crash
 Feb 07 – wheelchair bound



- Fabulous rehab at Tampa Poly-Trauma
- Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship
- Transferred to Military MTF for IVF Services
  - MTF Funded Out-of-Pocket Expenses
  - Too Early In Recovery Process
  - Unsuccessfully Tried Again 6 Months Later
  - Medically Retired No MTF Funding
- Homes For Our Troops Built Home



#### Colin-USASOC

- Blinded By GSW To Head
  - Lost Central Vision & Severe Seizure Disorder
- Care Coalition Secured His 100% Retirement
- Can Only See Peripheral Vision
- Benevolent Organization Support
  - Received Guide Dog
  - Highly Mobile With His Best Friend
- Continued Problem With Seizures and Pain Management
  - Referred to Mayo Clinic Wife Says Has Her Husband From 6 Years Ago Back
- Most Complicated Patient For Coordination of Benefits Purposes





## Ryan - SEAL

- Blinded In Combat
- Motivated and Dynamic
- Benevolent Organization Support
  - Immediate Cash/Lodging/Vehicle For Family
  - Tandem Bike
  - Weekend Retreat
  - Dork Watch
  - Sentinels of Freedom
- Married 6 months after injury
- Surgery issues 2 years post injury





## Joe – Ranger

- Severe Leg Wound
- Long Term Treatment And Rehabilitation
- Benevolent Organization Support
  - Sports Outings
  - Adaptive Wheelchair
  - Advise And Visitors During Next Step Of Care Far From Ranger Regiment
- Elective amputation 2 years post injury
- Now serving as Squad Leader in RGR RGT Currently Deployed



# Family – Green Beret

- Father/Husband Was Deployed To Iraq
- North Carolina Endured Torrential Rains
- Foundation Of Home Dissolved Home Collapsed
- Benevolent Organization Support:
  - Placed Family In Temporary Housing
  - Replaced Foundation
  - Repaired Basement Family Room
  - Repair Lawn And Driveway
- Green Beret Refocused On Combat Operations



#### Tom – Civil Affairs

- Shattered Pelvis and Sacrum
- Long Rehabilitation Face Down 5 months
- Family All Over The Country
- Benevolent Organization Support:
  - Numerous Flights
  - Lodging/Transportation
  - Immediate Finances
- Ran Army 10 Miler In Oct 08
- CRSC Received = \$0 Due to Offset