



New Year greetings to our American Mold Builders Association family, we want to thank each of you who contributed to the iWarriors Fund in support of the iPad Program in 2017 and we invite you to be a part of the 2018 Challenge! You showed your support for our combat wounded service members by raising over \$71,000 for the year 2017—simply amazing! In doing so, you have dramatically improved the lives of 128 wounded service members who received iPad gift packages this past year. Since 2011 your efforts have raised \$396,000 for the iWarriors iPad program supporting over 600 severely injured service members. Many of the recipients are medically retired from the military, live on a fixed income and simply cannot afford the cost of an iPad. They are grateful beyond words for your generosity and the possibilities the gift of an iPad can bring to each of them.

These men and women have difficulty transitioning to private life after the military due to traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress, and physical wounds received while deployed. The gift of an iPad allows many possibilities for them emotionally, physically and psychologically. They can communicate to family and friends more easily via social media, email, and FaceTime, thus keeping their spirits high while undergoing treatment and rehabilitation. For those suffering a severe brain injury, the iPad provides the opportunity to play brain games for memory recall. There are many apps now available to assist in such therapy. The calendar is essential for TBI sufferers. It allows them a place to keep appointments, and other important dates organized in one place and close at hand. Those who suffer from PTSD find apps for yoga and relaxation therapy very helpful. The iPad also allows access to personal VA medical records. A handful of 2017 iPad recipients are currently attending college and use the iPad for their studies in addition to the therapy apps mentioned earlier.

Each package contains a personally engraved 32g 5th generation iPad, a protective case to prevent damage from spills and drops, a set of earbuds, and an apple gift card for purchasing useful apps. The cost of the package is approximately \$550.

As our Armed Forces continue to serve and protect our nation here and abroad, we will continue to support those injured in combat by providing the essential tool of an iPad. Your gift of a donation will ensure the program continues to support our wounded service members for years to come.

In recent years several AMBA shops and suppliers have chosen to hold special events to raise money for iWarriors. Some of which include 5k races, golf outings, and a snowmobile ride, all of which make a huge impact in our fundraising efforts. Whether you choose to hold an event, an employee match challenge or a cash donation, we are grateful that you consider the iWarriors Fund for your charitable gift giving. Information and tools to hold a Shop Challenge are available on our website.

Online donations can be made by visiting our website iwarriors.org. Checks can be made to the iWarriors.org Fund of SCVF and mailed to St Croix Valley Foundation 516 Second Street Suite 214 Hudson, WI 54016

We thank you for your past support, and with your help, we look forward to improving many more lives in 2018

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