

Email Commander Ray received from Ride2Recovery



Subject: A letter from Karl Rove and Sal Giunta

A letter from Karl Rove and Sal Giunta, Medal of Honor Recipient (Afghanistan):

Men and women of courage stand watch for us today in dangerous places across the globe. The world is blessed that, in each generation, Americans of conviction and duty rise to defend our country and liberty's cause.

It is right that we should honor their sacrifice in personal and practical ways, especially at this time of the year. A way to do so is by supporting one of the many wonderful organizations that help wounded warriors and their families.

One such group, Ride 2 Recovery, provides specially constructed bicycles to men and women who have suffered traumatic head wounds or lost limbs—and sometimes hope—in terrible explosions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ride 2 Recovery draws from the powerful insight that challenging soldiers physically and mentally aids tremendously in their healing. By creating a team atmosphere for rehab, cycling builds confidence, helps restore body and mind, and speeds up recovery.

We have both been personally involved in supporting this great organization. Since 2008, Ride 2 Recovery has built hundreds of specialty bikes for wounded veterans, including cycles for single, double, triple and quadruple amputees. These gifts have provided life-changing experiences by fostering what the group calls "a sense of normalcy, accomplishment, pride, and camaraderie."

Like so many other organizations and programs that help those wounded in combat and the families of those who lost a loved one, Ride 2 Recovery is quintessentially American. Government didn't start it. Caring, compassionate people did. It is rooted in the belief that comradeship, a sense of community, and a demanding physical challenge will hasten healing. It seeks to strengthen the spirits of both the individual wounded and his family.

With the approach of Christmas, a day that for Christians the world over signifies the wonders of God's love, we all might lend a hand to those who have been grievously wounded in the service of our country. So join Sal and I and visit ride2recovery.com to contribute. During this season of peace and joy, it is the least we can do for the courageous souls who don the uniform of our nation.

Happy Holidays,

Karl Rove, former Senior Adviser and Deputy Chief of Staff under President George W. Bush

Salvatore A. Giunta, 2010 Medal of Honor Recipient