

## **OUR STORY**

## Making a Point of Honor

"We have the remains of Corporal Brock Bucklin on board, and his twin brother Corporal Brad Bucklin has accompanied him home from Iraq. As a sign of respect, please remain seated while we honor Corporal Bucklin and his sacrifice," requested the pilot over the intercom, as the plane landed.

Major Dan Rooney, an F-16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, decorated veteran of three tours of duty in Iraq and a passenger on the flight, watched through the plane window as the flag-covered casket was removed from the rear cargo hold. He saw Bucklin's family meet the procession with tears streaming down their cheeks. And he choked back emotion when he saw the soldier's young son clutching at his mother's leg.

This is any serviceman's worst nightmare, thought Rooney. While he had experienced the harsh reality on the front lines, he had never witnessed the devastating reality back home. That moment changed Major Rooney's life forever.

Rooney vowed to make a difference. Though he couldn't change the fate of a fallen soldier, he could change the future of a grieving widow or a fatherless child. He set out to prove to America's heroes — our military personnel — that their sacrifices would never go unappreciated or unrewarded. From that sincere and simple wish, a foundation was born. The Folds of Honor Foundation hopes to ensure that families of the fallen and disabled must never endure alone.

Brock's son, Jacob, was the first recipient of a Folds of Honor scholarship.



# THE NEED IS GREAT

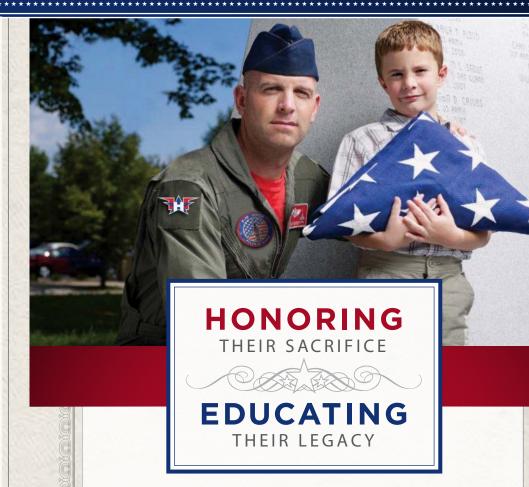
There are currently more than 200,000 dependents of military service men and women, 85% of whom do not qualify for educational assistance from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and other governmental programs.

Folds of Honor recognizes our government's efforts to support military service families, but we also realize that government cannot succeed alone. Folds of Honor seeks to honor military families by providing educational support and opportunities to ensure that no one is left behind.





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Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.



Patriot Golf Day is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation. On Labor Day weekend, golfers across the country are asked to add at least \$1 to their greens fees to support the mission of the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Jointly supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association, the inaugural Patriot Golf Day in 2007 was started by Major Dan Rooney, Founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation, F-16 Pilot, PGA Professional, and USGA member. The first Patriot Golf Day resulted in donations of more than \$1.1 million from more than 3,200 golf facilities. In the last four years, golfers nationwide have been instrumental in raising more than \$8.6 million through Patriot Golf Day events.

Patriot Golf Day is held annually on Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in joining our mission to empower the lives of deserving military families with educational opportunities, please play at a participating facility or register to become a participating facility by visiting www.patriotgolfday.com



#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

FHF's unique scholarships can be applied to schooling now or held by the Foundation on behalf of young children until needed at the time of post-secondary enrollment. Scholarships are used to subsidize the costs of tuition, school books, fees, room and board, special tools and equipment necessary for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other educational expenses that a student's school may deem appropriate and otherwise unmet. To date, the Foundation has provided assistance to over 1,600 scholarship receipients.

#### IMMEDIATE — USE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to spouses and children of service members currently attending or recently accepted into a 4-year or 2-year degree program at an institution of higher education, or a vocational program.

#### **FUTURE — USE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Awarded to the young children of service members and invested by FHF on their behalf. Eligible applicants are infants up to, and including, students enrolled in the eighth grade. Scholarship funds are disbursed to the post-secondary educational institution at their time of enrollment.

For complete eligibility information and scholarship applications please visit foldsofhonor.org/scholarships



#### The MOUNSEY FAMILY

Natasha Mounsey is the Folds of Honor's first Dale M. Flanagan Scholar. Natasha's father, Chief Warrant Officer Erik Mounsey, was on his third tour in Iraq when two helicopters were shot down, killing all 26 on board. Natasha attends California State University, Northridge, working on a B.S. in 2-D and 3-D animation. Natasha recently made the Dean's List at the end of her first semester.

This scholarship has lessened the burden of tuition costs on my mother and me. Already, it has encouraged me to succeed and prove to myself that I am capable of being independent in the future. My father would definitely be proud; education was very important to him and he always wanted me to attend college.

- Natasha Mounsey

