



The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Military Coalition (TMC), representing more than 5.5 million current and former service members, veterans, and their families and survivors, requests you award our nation's highest civilian honor, the President's Medal of Freedom, to Gary Sinise.

Since his Presidential Citizens Medal in 2008, Gary and his Foundation have unselfishly continued to increase and expand support to our nation's first responders; troops including those wounded, ill and injured; their families and survivors. From 2008 through 2019 he has appeared or performed at over 700 venues, with well over 100 of them for the USO. We have heard it said, and it would be accurate, that Gary is our modern-day Bob Hope, with the addition of a Foundation that will endure well into the future.

Gary Sinise is an American icon... even more so than his Lieutenant Dan persona which opened so many doors. What Gary did after those doors were opened sets the compelling rationale for our nation's highest civilian award. Just a few of the examples of his foundation's impact on our country:

- Served nearly 200,000 meals to our nation's defenders across the country
- Specially adapted 61 smart homes for our severely wounded heroes
- Provided over 5,250 children of fallen military heroes and their surviving parent/guardian a five-day experience therapeutic retreat... 2018 and 2019 to Walt Disney World Resort
- Brought 1,121 WWII veterans and their guardians to New Orleans to tour the National WWII Museum built in their honor... students who accompany our veterans carry on their stories with a new appreciation for the sacrifices made by an entire generation

Given these selfless accomplishments, impacting the breadth of our nation, we respectfully request you put Gary Sinise on the very select list of those you are planning to recognize. We the undersigned believe this will have a significantly positive effect on our first responders and all those in uniform with whom Gary has developed an unbreakable bond.

Sincerely,

Jack Du Teil
President,
The Military Coalition



Agreed to by the following associations in The Military Coalition

Air Force Association (AFA)
Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)
Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA)
AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals
Association of the United States Army (AUSA)
Association of the United States Navy (AUSN)
Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)
Commissioned Officers Association of the US Public Health Service (COA)
Chief Warrant Officers Association of the US Coast Guard (CWOA)
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)
Gold Star Wives of America (GSW)
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV)
Marine Corps League (MCL)
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
Marine Corps Reserve Association (MCRA)
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (MCA)
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
National Military Family Association (NMFA)
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)
Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA)
Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
TREA: The Enlisted Association (TREA)
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA)
USCG Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
VetsFirst
Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)