



OFFICE OF BARACK OBAMA

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Sergeant First Class Cory Remsburg
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Cory:

As I reflect back on my eight years as President, one of the highest honors I had was to serve as Commander in Chief of the greatest military in the world. And of all the Americans I met during that time, few have embodied our American spirit of resolve and resilience—or inspired me more—than you.

You inspired me as an Army Ranger, defending our freedom during 10 deployments. You inspired me there in your hospital bed at Bethesda when—unable to speak—you showed me your determination to recover when you raised your hand and give a solid thumbs-up. You inspired me every time you allowed me to share your incredible story with the American people, including at the State of the Union, when you helped people across the country better understand the profound sacrifices of our veterans and wounded warriors.

As Americans, we don't give up. We take care of each other. We summon what's best in each of us. And we keep our eyes fixed on the future, knowing that tomorrow can be even better than today. That's the lesson of your life. That's what you teach us all. That's what I saw when—nearly six years into your recovery—you stood up and walked into the Oval Office on your own.

Congratulations on your induction into the Ritenour Hall of Fame. This honor is a tribute to you, but also to your entire family, your friends and many supporters who been by your side on your long journey. It's also a tribute to Ritenour High School and the community that helped make you the soldier and man you are today—dedicated to making sure that America meets its obligations to our veterans and wounded warriors.

Thank you, Cory, for showing us the true meaning of courage and perseverance. You may no longer wear the uniform, but your service to America continues. I'm so proud of you. And I know that you'll continue to make a difference for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".