Valour-IT: In the Beginningâ€¦Cpt Z Talks About It

Description

Update: I misspoke: From My Position and Home Front Six are not relatedâ€¦.butâ€¦have complimentary stories that link together.

A two milblogs, â€œFrom My Positionâ€• and â€œHome Front Sixâ€•, chronicle the beginnings of the Valour-IT program, not directly, but by telling the story of a wounded man, who has had to work his way back. Heâ€™s one of the fortunate ones, most of what he had before the IED hit his HMMVEE will be restored through the miracle of modern medical advances. Some of our service members will not ever be this lucky and may be user of the Valour-IT advances and adoption for the rest of their lives.

To bring the point home of how important and effective a program we have been pushing for 5 days now, Valour-IT, is so important, take a few moments and read a post by an Army wife, here.

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The â€œteaser:â€•

> Here is the bulk of the post that I made for the Project Valour-IT fundraiser last year. It still holds true today.
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> One of the things that MacGyver and I have talked about it how we would handle things should he be injured in the line of duty. Itâ€™s not a pretty conversation â€“ things like that never are. But I am not a fan of surprises so Iâ€™d rather discuss this now, before he deploys.
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> Those of you who know MacGyver know what type of person he is. He is a very â€œhands onâ€• type of person. He works a LOT with his hands.
> [â€¦]

In that postâ€™s comments, Chuck, with a year plus of time since his wounding, comments in more detail about what it was like:

> Let Macgyver (and your friend) know that it really isnâ€™t the end of the world, itâ€™s a setback. I love working with my hands, and do lot of projecs tooâ€¦ everything from brewing beer to refinishing furniture. It takes longer, and I have to take my time and actually watch what I am doing, instead of working by feel, and I think my playstation days ended a long time ago, but the hard thing to get through my head was that it wasnâ€™t the end of the world. You have tyo adapt, and the fixes are neither immediate or easy.
> Things that used to be easy, or even so simple I didnâ€™t consider them, are now often insurmountable (like buttoning a cuff or collar.) I was once completely unable to bathe myself, my hands were so sensitive I couldnâ€™t hold the poofy soap things.
> [â€¦]

Go and read that, too.

Fuzzilicious Thinking, the other person behind Valour-IT posted comments on Chuckâ€™s comments, to add more depth to the discussion here. Itâ€™s also worth your time to click and to understand the issues better.
Read the rest, which is graphic, but it tell of the reality of those who suffer.

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