

'Friday Mornings at the Pentagon'

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19-year-old husband's wheelchair and not quite understanding why her husband is so affected by this, the boy she grew up with, now a man, who had never shed a tear is crying; the older immigrant Latino parents who have, perhaps more than their wounded mid-20s son, an appreciation for the emotion given on their son's behalf. No man in that hallway, walking or clapping, is ashamed by the silent tears on more than a few cheeks. An Airborne Ranger wipes his eyes only to better see. A couple of the officers in this crowd have themselves been a part of this parade in the past.

These are our men, broken in body they may be, but they are our brothers, and we welcome them home. This parade has gone on, every single Friday, all year long, for more than four years.

Did you know that?

The media hasn't yet told the story."

'Local News'

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of books, one of which, "The Gulf Between Us: Love and Terror in Desert Storm" appeared in the Reader's Digest as "Today's Best Nonfiction" book excerpt.

She has made presentations across the country, and appeared on radio and TV news and talk shows, including the Today show, 20/20, Sixty Minutes, CNN, and National Public Radio.

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Help Is On the Way For Local Teachers

The San Diego Foundation Offers Over \$60,000 in Assistance with Teachers' Fund

Recognizing that so many area teachers have had to dig into their own pockets to buy school supplies, The San Diego Foundation announced today the launch of the 2008-2009 San Diego Teachers' Fund program. In light of looming cuts to the state's education budget,

the assistance that the Teachers' Fund program offers resource-strapped teachers is a welcome relief. Though few would dispute the importance of providing our children with the highest quality of education, school funding is still in jeopardy.

The Teachers' Fund provides much-needed assistance to dedicated San Diego County public elementary and high school teachers. Since 1995, The Foundation has distributed approximately \$750,000 in teacher grants. This year, more than \$60,000 in grants is available.

"The San Diego Foundation's Teachers' Fund program is making a difference in the lives of students one classroom at a time," said Carmen Herrera, Chair of the Teachers' Fund Committee.

Two distinct programs comprise the Teachers' Fund: the K-6 program and the Arts in the Classroom program.

The K-6 program is aimed at helping new teachers, with five years of experience or less, build their classroom resources through mini-grants of up to \$2,000 for innovative projects. Research shows that a major problem facing our educational system is the high drop-out rate among new teachers in their first few years, when they become discouraged with their lack of classroom resources.

The San Diego Foundation created the Arts in the Classroom program in 2001, providing funding of up to \$1,000 to high school art teachers. One teacher used a \$900 grant starting a program for students to create ceramic art pieces for sale, then donating the profits to a nonprofit organization that feeds the hungry.

Applications for both programs are available online at www.sdfoundation.org/teachers-fund. Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm, Monday, April 28, 2008.

Although The San Diego Foundation reaches many teachers through their programs, there is always an additional need. If you would like to make a contribution to the Teachers' Fund or would like more information, please call (619) 814-1343 or email a member of the Teachers' Fund team at teachers-fund@sdfoundation.org.

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