



## Hollywood Legends Recruit Military Caregiver Champions

(NAPS)—Academy Award winner Tom Hanks is rallying the nation behind America's military caregivers with help from the legacy of a legend, Bob Hope. Hanks launched the Military Caregiver Champion program with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to fund resources for the 5.5 million Americans voluntarily caring for a loved one who was wounded, made ill or injured through military service. Hope's daughter, Linda Hope, was the first to join the campaign, donating \$1 million on behalf of the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation.



**Tom Hanks, Linda Hope and Senator Elizabeth Dole want to help honor the people who care for ill or injured veterans. You can, too.**

"My dad, Bob Hope, dedicated so much of his life to connecting members of our military to the nation they served and their loved ones waiting at home. He would be so proud to join another passionate entertainer like Tom Hanks in making that same connection between America's military caregivers and the country that owes them such a debt of gratitude and support," said Hope.

Military caregivers provide \$14 billion of unpaid care to veterans every year. They devote their lives to their loved ones, often sacrificing their own health, jobs and financial security.

"As Senator Elizabeth Dole says, our military caregivers are hidden heroes and I am honored to have the spirit of Bob Hope helping us support them," said Hanks. "There has never been, nor will there ever be, a greater ambassador between the military community and us Americans than Bob Hope."

All Americans are invited to become Caregiver Champions. Supporters will receive a Caring Tag, which reimagines the honored symbol of the military dog tag and includes the name and story of a military caregiver.

All administrative costs have been sponsored. One hundred percent of donations will support the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's resources for caregivers.

"We cannot take away the injuries or the illnesses but we can ensure our caregivers do not walk this difficult journey alone," said Hanks.

To become a Caregiver Champion, visit [www.hiddenheroes.org/champion](http://www.hiddenheroes.org/champion).