



## **WELCOME HOME**

The tender and affectionate words “Welcome Home” mean many things to different people this year. To Cindy, a beautiful little girl, whose father has returned home alive and well from a long and grueling tour in Afghanistan, it means she is united with her father who loves her more than life itself.

“Welcome Home” to Jackie means that after her husband has survived multiple deployments, she is once again united with the man who has chosen to bravely sacrifice everything for the freedoms and liberties of the citizens of this great country.

John, who is greeting his beautiful wife returning home with severe injuries from shrapnel wounds, will lovingly and tirelessly assume responsibility for the care of her and their children. “Welcome Home” to John means loving dedication to his wife and children, all victims of the ravages of war.

“Welcome Home” to Sherry and her young children means living with the grief of losing her husband and their father. Like many men, women and children who have lost their husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, daughters and sons, the pain of losing someone in war is so deep and profound it is difficult for many of us to fathom.

These two little words, “Welcome Home” mean the world to many and endless pain to others and should be spoken with admiration, love and affection. As the daughter of an Air Force mechanic, it is with honor, respect and praises that I gratefully “Welcome Home” all of our men and women in uniform, and extend my sincerest thanks to them and their family members! Your valiant and heroic service to our country is honored by all and will never be forgotten.

If someone has served our country and you would like to order a tribute to honor them and their service to our nation, please visit [www.gomarsha.org](http://www.gomarsha.org) and request a tribute. It is a privilege for me and all of the members of the Colorado House of Representatives to acknowledge the sacrifices and bravery of our unsung heroes by this expression of appreciation from elected officials around the state.

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