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Dec. 31, 2008 -- With thousands of wounded warriors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, the Fisher House has become a necessity in military communities across the nation. The organization provides military families a "home away from home," and many people agree that the houses are an intricate part of the recovery process for Soldiers.

Recognizing this, the War College Class of 2008 elected to donate funds to the Fisher House Foundation. Lt. Col Anthony Johnson, the 2008 Yearbook Treasurer, and fellow classmate Col. Gordon Roberts, presented a \$2,690 check to Maurice Borde, Fisher House Assistant Manager, in Washington D.C. Nov. 25.

The decision to donate the money to Fisher House was made unanimously among the class.

"We chose to donate the money to the Fisher House because of all it does to give back to Soldiers and help families," said Johnson, now the Director of Law Enforcement, Peacekeeping and Stability Institute.

"The house gives families a chance to stay with their Soldier, which is really important in the healing process," said Johnson.

Instead of worrying about where to stay or how they can afford it, families can focus on getting their

Soldier well.

"The ability to reside free-of-charge in a Fisher House eases the financial difficulties during the transitional periods between hospital trauma care, recovery, rehabilitation, and therapy," added Johnson.

Currently, there are more than 40 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and ten VA medical centers. Several more are under construction.

"It was a great experience to see some of the wounded warriors in the house; it was an honor to present the check on behalf of the class," said Johnson.

The Fisher House was founded in 1990 by Zachery and Elisabeth Fisher, with the goal to provide comfort, care, and compassion beyond the call of duty for the retirees, veterans, reserve, and active military members and their families.

For more information on the Fisher House, visit www.fisherhouse.org