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From: **Timothy Winn** <twinn@ncmcs.org>

Date: Fri, May 19, 2023 at 11:34 AM

Subject: Cadet Istre, Q

To:

Dear Veterans/Community Groups,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is LCDR Timothy Winn, and I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Union Pines High School NJROTC program. We are currently facing a heartbreaking situation that requires the support and generosity of compassionate individuals like yourselves.

One of our most exceptional cadets, Cadet Quinn Istre, had planned to enlist in the United States Air Force and serve our country with utmost dedication. However, his dreams were unexpectedly shattered when he was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that will undoubtedly present numerous challenges for him and his family.

Cadet Istre has been an exemplary cadet throughout his four years in the NJROTC program. His commitment, leadership, and unwavering dedication have inspired his peers and instructors alike. Despite his illness, he continues to demonstrate remarkable courage and resilience, proving himself to be an exceptional role model for the entire cadet corps.

We are reaching out to you today in the hope that your esteemed organization could assist us in raising funds to support a scholarship for Cadet Istre. After the diagnosis and USAF rejection, Cadet Istre has made the decision to continue his education by attending Sandhills Community College. Your support will help alleviate the financial burdens that his family is facing. As veterans who have selflessly served our nation, we believe you understand the significance of supporting our young heroes in their time of need.

Any contribution, no matter the amount, would make a tremendous difference in Cadet Istre's life. Your generosity will provide him with the necessary financial resources to continue some resemblance of normalcy and ensure that he can focus on his recovery without worrying about the associated costs.

To make a donation, the family has started a GoFundMe page. I will gladly provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding Cadet Istre's situation or the NJROTC program.

We kindly request that you share this appeal for donations with your members and within your wider network. Every share and contribution count, and your collective efforts will enable us to provide the support Cadet Istre needs during this challenging journey.

Please join us in rallying around this courageous young man and ensuring that he feels the unwavering support of his community. Together, we can make a difference in Cadet Istre's life and demonstrate the power of compassion and solidarity.

Thank you for considering our heartfelt request. We sincerely appreciate your time, consideration, and commitment to supporting our brave cadets. Your generosity will leave an indelible mark on Cadet Istre's life, reminding him that even in his darkest days, there are people who care and stand by his side.

GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/4136bc59>

With deepest gratitude,

LCDR Timothy Winn USN (Ret)
Senior Naval Science Instructor

To the Vietnam Veterans Association,

My name is Quinn Istre; Though you may not remember me, my family and I will never forget you and your extreme generosity. I was a senior in high school when I had sworn into the delayed entry program for the United States Air Force. Ecstatic over the thought of serving my country, I was later diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma before graduation. After the diagnosis, the military was put on the backburner, while my health and schooling became my new focus. I was under an extreme amount of stress with chemotherapy and the thought of how I was going to attend or even afford college. That was when an extreme burden was lifted by you with your incredibly generous donation of over \$1,000. This allowed me to afford a laptop that I needed to attend classes at Sandhills Community College. Whilst going through chemotherapy, this new laptop has allowed me to attend online English 111, Principles of Management, and Success & Study Skills classes. Without this incredible donation I would never have been able to afford this.

Since then, I have completed chemotherapy and received two scans confirming remission of cancer. I am working as a Patient Transporter at Moore Regional Hospital while continuing my path toward surgical technology. From myself and my entire family, we cannot possibly be able to express how thankful we are for your generous gift.

With sincere appreciation from the bottom of my heart,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Quinn Istre".

Quinn Isaac Istre