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Dana Bowman, SFC Retired  
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To whom it may concern;

In 2004 the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tomah began a program entitled "Affirming the Commitment". The purpose of this program is to reinforce in our employees the appreciation of what veterans in service to our country have sacrificed and contributed. As part of this program Dana Bowman was chosen as a guest presenter. He was the perfect choice. His dedication, service and sacrifice are remarkable. As a presenter he is inspiring, eloquent, and personable and has a message everyone should hear. The example of his journey to overcome adversity instilled in his audience a sense of motivation. His message also prompts reflection on the paths of our own lives. He reached our unique audience renewing, reinforcing, and reaffirming our compassion for and commitment to those we serve in the Veterans Administration.

While here Mr. Bowman spent considerable time and energy visiting our patient care areas and talking individually to many, many of our hospitalized veterans. In addition to speaking with our staff and veterans, he spent several hours at our local Boys and Girls Club with children from a variety of ages discussing how to overcome adversity, never giving up, and making the most of the life given to each of us. He shared his message at an evening community program. After this program he was able to privately visit with a young man who had also lost one of his legs, discussing what to expect regarding trials and tribulations as well as the joyful and satisfying moments of the journey ahead.

Dana Bowman has an incredible story to tell. His message is poignant and inspirational for audiences of all ages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Weaver".

*for*  
Kathleen Fasbender, R.N., M.S.