

Veterans say

I am twenty-one and the whole thing is shot, done forever. There is no real healing left anymore, everything that is going to heal already has healed and now I am left with the corpse, the living dead man, the man with the numb legs, the man in the wheelchair, the Easter Seal boy, the cripple, the sexlessman, the sexlessman, the man with the numb dick, the man who can't make children, the man who can't stand, the man who can't walk, the angry lonely man, the bitter man with the nightmares, the murder man, the man who cries in the shower.

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*Born on the Fourth of July***