

Courage & Heroes

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Picture By Pulsating Paula

Back in 2006 I wrote an article called Courage, I don't know if you all remembered it, but I've been told it was the best article I ever wrote, which is a huge compliment and I thank everyone for the remarks.

I thought it was time to touch on it again (just a little) and America's Heroes and how they became Heroes.

When I was just a little boy I remember some of the stories I used to hear at family reunions that my uncles would talk about. One of the biggest men of Courage I know is my Uncle Alvin (SGT Alvin C. York) who received The Medal Of Honor in WW1, America proclaimed him a Hero and in his words "Shucks I ain't no Hero, I just did what needed done".

That is how most soldiers, to include myself think. To me the real heroes were the ones that paid the ultimate price.....their life's. This men and woman are the ones who deserve the title "HERO".

Did it take Courage to receive the medals for doing what they did? Who's to say. A man once said "courage is the split second decision one makes to do what has to be done to save their comrades, Brothers life's"

There have been many heroes through out America's time. If they all could tell you it was not courage that got them that medal, but that split second decision to perform, unknown to them that they would receive a token of gratitude from their Commanders and a grateful nation, a deed to save his Brother in Arms life.

Throughout America from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Canada to Mexico in great metropolis to small farm towns you will see Monuments dedicated to the men and woman who serve this great Nation. I am very fortunate to live where I do, because from within 30 min all the way up to 2 to 3 hours are hundreds of these to see.

It is ashamed that some of the younger generation does not have the respect (other then those who are presently serving or have) that my grandfather's, father's and my own generation for what it takes to remain "FREE".

Yes I remember the protesters of my generation, I remember being spat upon and called "Baby Killer", but for the most part my generation was respectful. There is proof to that in Washington D.C. on a monument known as "THE WALL" which has over 58,000 names on it that paid the price in America's Most unpopular war. To this day I run into people when they hear I served in Vietnam disrespect me.

One of my heroes today is my son 1LT Todd Donaldson U.S. Army Airborne Ranger (2nd generation) because he stepped forward to take the challenge knowing that we were heavily involved in Iraq and Afghanistan and the risk involved as an Officer and a Ranger. The others are his Team and the thousands of other young men and woman who are today's "Freedom Fighters". God Bless you all.

I myself disagree with our Government's decision not to bring back the "DRAFT" mainly because these kids who are serving now are going back time after time. The Marine next door has had at least 6 tours, thank God he is still alive. We as a Nation are involved



in to many things and spread way to thin. If there were to be a major force invade us (like in the movie RED DAWN) civilians would have to pick up arms. After high school or college there is no reason that a person can not give back to this Nation a friction of what this Nation has given them. Do me a favor when these young men and woman our "Defenders of Freedom" return WELCOME them with open arms, if your a veteran you know what it's like, so be the first to do it. Those of you who know a veteran every time you see them or their Brothers thank them. Some carry scars that you cannot see, but they are still victims of the most horrific thing that man can do to man.

Remember "Freedom Is Not Free" it is paid for with the blood of America's Service persons. If everyone would remember that we would have a much greater country then what we do. "America Land That I Love, Stand Beside Her and Guard Her".

Last but certainly not least please remember our POW and MIA, we are trying to get a bill passed to help bring them home House Resolution 111. We could use everyone's help it takes 5 to 10 minutes of your time. Call your local Congressional Reps by calling 866-727-4894, when they answer tell them where your from and you would like to be connected. Tell them to vote YES on H.Res 111. Say a prayer that our Troops can return from all Wars.

Thank you all for continuing to read the articles in "Free Riders Press" and if you know Lorie or Preacher thank them they put a lot of hard work into getting this paper prepared and out to the Readers. I love you two for doing it.

August 19-21 is the Vietnam Vets M/C annual "CAMP OUT" at LZ Independence located off Hwy 850 Reeds Gap, Pa. come on out everyone is welcome, if your able to come and leave saying "You didn't have a great time" it's your own fault.

Until next month "Ride safe, ride free" and say a prayer for our Troops serving our nation that they return soon and safe. " Keep On Triken " Love You ALL!

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