



As I sit here it's 20 below. Just thinking summer warmth helps me get through. Picture taken at Preacher's house for an ABATE meeting last July. Some food, chairs and a destination. What more do we need?

HEROES

By: Skypilot

Heroes through out history have been recipients of awards like, the Medal of Honor, Navy Flying Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge and so on. The men and women who are recipients of these medals are truly Top Line, Part Of The Elite Force, some didn't receive them at all, their loved ones did because they died performing an extraordinary act of courage and bravery. I was once told that a person that performed such acts were not really brave, but scared to death and just acted out of fear to save themselves and their buddies around them, I submit from personal experience, this is true.

To me the Real Heroes are the ones who gave their life on the Battlefields of Concord, Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, Iowa Jima, Normandy, AnKhe, Saigon, Kuwait, Iraq. Yes to me these are my

Heroes, I'd give back every medal on my chest to have my Brothers back and I submit to you that probably I am not the only soldier who feels the same way. Those of us that their love ones received the medals fall into my category of Hero, because they gave all...Their life's!

Courage and bravery are strange bed fellows. No one goes off to WAR and plans to be brave or courageous, they go because they were ordered to and being good soldiers they obeyed these orders. Brave, well I can not talk for others all I can tell you is how I felt. I was scared out of my pants every day I spent in COMBAT! I know you become a different person when you go to war, return from war and for the rest of your life.

Heroes yes America has a lot of them. All you have to do is go to Arlington or small town cemeteries and you will see them. In my opinion we have to many, there have been to many lives lost in the name of Freedom. War is the most inhumane thing on earth, I am sure the almighty when he created man didn't want them to go out and kill each other. One of the Commandments is thou shalt not kill, but this is my opinion. I honor those who fight for Freedom, don't misunderstand me or misquote me, I just wish Freedom had a cheaper price tag.

I don't regret serving my country, but as a parent who has a son in harm's way and a Leader who lost so much in war have a different outlook than what I used to.

Well until we meet again god speed. " Keep on Triken' ". May the Great Spirit be at your side when you ride. Please pray for those who our serving for a safe and speedy return home, God be with them. Please remember our POWs~MIAs, and their families who still wait for their return.



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