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On March 2nd 2006 I had the honor of being at Captain Bryan Willard's United States Marine Corps funeral in New Kingston, PA. along with several of my Brothers from my club and Brothers in Arms from other Veterans organizations. I call them my Brothers, because he who faces death in battle, or sheds his blood in battle is indeed my Brother. No I did not know him personally, but he too was my BROTHER!

We were all there not on the inside of the church, but outside performing a service that should not had to be done. We were outside forming a Human Barrier in front of the church to stop four idiots from making Captain Willard's funeral a disgrace, instead of a "LAST HONOR" which he and his family deserved.

These people and you have probably heard of them travel around the country trying to disgrace Fallen Heroes. They say every time an American Soldier dies it is God's punishment, because of the homosexuality some Americans practice. I don't agree with these Americans practice of being gay, but it is their choice and don't bring it near me, that is my choice.

Getting back to these persons protest. I for Twenty-One years served our Country as a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army as a Ranger in War Time (Vietnam), during the Cold War and Peace Time. I will be the first person to say "Yes these people have a right to protest any thing they want, but there is a time and a place for it and at Captain Willard's, or any other hero who has fallen in Battle funeral is not the place or the time for it to happen".

These people as far as I'm concern haven't a clue what they are protesting, because the GOD I know is a just and forgiving God and I don't believe he would punish any Nation's Soldiers for some persons sexual believe by killing them in battle. In Wars people die, that is just a fact of life, it hasn't got anything to do with God punishing any nations gay population. They die for our Freedom, remember Freedom isn't Free without Troops Like Captain Willard fighting for it!



While we stood there protecting this Hero's family from seeing people outside the church disgracing their sons, husband, brother and friends honor I felt so proud to be able to help keep the people inside from seeing these few idiots outside. At one point an older lady came down the line thanking all of us for protecting Bryan's funeral from becoming a mockery, I'm not sure but I heard one Vet say it was his Mother. I say to that lady who ever she may have been, "No Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be there and help protect an American Hero's last HOO RAH"!

As Americans we enjoy a lot of things people in other countries can only dream about and we are able to do so because of Heroes like Captain Bryan Willard, United States Marine Corps of Enola, PA. who served his Nation and sadly GAVE HIS ALL. So yes you have rights because of Troops who have served our nation from the Revolutionary War to present, so before you do something stupid that you will regret later do me and yourself a favor and THINK before you act!

God Bless our Troops, our Nation and it's Leaders. I also ask don't forget America's POW~MIA and their families. Remember "They fought for our FREEDOM, let us not forget Theirs". God Bless you Sergeant Keith "Matt" Maupin (Batavia, Ohio) U.S. ARMY RESERVE who is still held by the Iraq's pray for his return and remember his family who wait for his return.

See you next month and until then " Keep on Triken" and be safe out there. May the GREAT SPIRIT always ride with you.
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Zablocki VA Medical Center
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To the Members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcyle Club:

How can I begin to thank you in the name of your fellow Veterans? It amazes me what you have done through the funds you raise each year with the Motorcycle Blessing and Run. What have you done? Well here is a list of things that we were able to do because of the funds you donated:

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Socks – 60 pair

Dress Shirts, ties, suit coats, dress slacks

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