

PASTOR SHANE'S Point of View

Dear Partner,

Amidst our somewhat divided country today, it is good to reflect on the sacrifices and selfless acts of others. These four chaplains define what our country should be about. It did not matter what their religious worldview was, or the color of their skin, or their income. These four warriors came together to save others and make the ultimate sacrifice while ignoring their own safety.

The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains", were four U.S. Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II.

The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D.), Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and denominations were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board Dorchester to report to their new assignments.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked, braced against the slanting deck with voices heard praying and singing hymns.

I believe it is when we look for the best in others and look at their hearts in love that we will see true progress in our country. It is when we are willing to stop being selfish and having our own agendas when we can truly see God's will in our lives. It is when we are willing to sacrifice for others that we truly understand the meaning of Love and what Christ did on the cross for us. Whether we are willing to sacrifice our time to serve others, our finances, or share our homes by inviting others in, or even sacrificing our very lives for another, it all boils down to sacrificing for others in need. This was best defined by Christ's actions on the cross. Jesus was willing to go to the cross, suffer and sacrifice Himself for all of us.

In closing I want to challenge all of you and myself, to think about the level of sacrifice in your life. Are you too comfortable? Are you giving and sacrificing something to others? What are you willing to do for people in need?

These four chaplains knew there was a need and they responded. They made a decision to be willing to die for the men around them. Politics did not matter, the individuals religion did not matter, but the lives of their soldiers and civilians mattered. These brave men left a legacy of sacrifice for all of us to remember and honor.

Grace and Peace,


Pastor Shane
CEO/President

Sources: www.army.mil and <https://en.wikipedia.org>



Clark Poling, George Fox, Alexander Goode, John Washington



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HARLEY FOR A HERO

The culmination of the 2017 Harley for a Hero project was a real 'doozy' when Task Force Heroes unveiled and presented a modified Harley Davidson motorcycle to a military hero in recognition of his heroic actions performed during combat.

Fullerton CA, September 16: Our ecstatic hero of the day, SPC Giovanni Perez, suffered a traumatic injury to his left arm due to an RPG attack while in Eastern Afghanistan in 2013. Unfortunately Gio lost his left arm in the event, but that did not slow him down. This decorated soldier provided first aid to another badly wounded fellow soldier before stabilizing his own traumatic injury. Gio said, "I wanted to stabilize my fellow warrior, who I knew had a family, and applied a tourniquet to his arm to slow the bleeding." Despite only having one arm, Gio currently competes in the Baja 500, an off-road motorcycle race in Mexico.

You are the guy...

Until recently Gio had no idea he had been selected for our Harley for a Hero build. Task Force Heroes CEO Shane Yates had prepared an elaborate deception by asking Gio to assist an 'injured veteran' on the east coast by selecting a motorcycle for the Harley for a Hero presentation. Gio was spontaneously selfless and was eager to assist and support a fellow warrior. He was genuinely stunned and momentarily speechless when Shane said, "We don't have another recipient of this motorcycle. You are the guy."

Our veterans join me in thanking the generous Warren family for donating the motorcycle. Also, we wish to thank Warrior Built for providing the special automatic clutch and other work they provided for the build.

Our friends, Rex Hill and Chad Delasantos, of LA Harley Davidson of Anaheim, hosted the event and expended a lot of time and expertise on the build. A beautiful paint job and laser etching was provided by Troy McCleery, who is also a veteran. These folk all love our veterans and contributed towards the success of our Harley for a Hero endeavor this year.

Pastor Tom Longbreak, elder and state leader of Bikers for Christ, was scheduled to join us on the platform with a host of bikers from Bikers for Christ but passed away a few day earlier. Please continue to pray for Tom's family during this difficult time.

It is a privilege to be a part of honoring our men and women in uniform and inspiring them to see their dreams come true!



Pastor Shane Yates with an ecstatic Giovanni Perez on his new Harley

As a faith-based organization, Task Force Heroes exists to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support for our veterans and their families living nationwide. We also provide counselling, retreats, and workshops to assist warriors and couples in their journey of service to our nation and our communities.

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From the Fox Hole

As many of you know I enjoy bringing a message from the frontlines by honoring a Hero who has served our Nation and our Communities. This quarter I want to honor one of our very own board members Firefighter Captain David Krisman.

David has served with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for 32 years after joining the agency in 1985. Some of his assignments include station 73 in Newhall CA, station 107 in Santa Clarita CA, station 76 in Valencia CA, station 36 in Carson CA, station 92 in Little Rock CA, and his current assignment as Captain of station 11 in Alta Dena CA. David successfully graduated from paramedic school in 1992 and served as a paramedic for 10 years. In 2002 David became a Fire Fighter Engineer and served as an Engineer for 10 years before he was promoted to Fire Captain in 2013.

David has earned many awards in the line of duty. To name a few, David was awarded Helicopter Crew of the Year as a part of a crew that rescued 2 injured firefighters during night time operations in a wild land fire. Additionally, David was awarded the Medal of Valor for attempting to rescue a man in a vehicle that was submerged under water in an aqueduct. Although the man passed away from his injuries, David risked his life by jumping in the water and attempting to swim down to the vehicle and free the trapped occupant.

David embodies the character of a warrior as demonstrated by his career accomplishments, and his life of sacrifice and service.

David also has been married to his wonderful wife Katrina for 11 years. Together they have 3 children and currently attend Horizon Baptist Church located in Camarillo CA. He enjoys spending time with his family and woodworking.

This country is fortunate to have men such as David out there serving and protecting us from the dangers and threats that rise up in our communities. I am very honored and humbled to be able to honor this local Hero. I would ask that we continue to pray for all of our service members, first responders, and our nation's leadership. These brave men and women are on the frontlines every day serving us and they deserve our prayers.

Keep looking up to the Lord!

Pastor Shane



Firefighter Captain David Krisman embodies the character of a warrior



David Krisman shares a light moment behind the wheel



Heroes Renewal Center Bozeman MT "BIG SKY COUNTRY"



"A Place of Renewal and Strength for our Nation's Heroes"



HEROES RENEWAL CENTER

Our newly acquired **Heroes Renewal Center** is a place of renewal and strength for our nation's heroes. Located in Bozeman, Montana, the Heroes Renewal Center will serve as Task Force Heroes' central base of operations for the entire USA. The Heroes Renewal Center was made possible by an extremely generous donation from donors who also share our vision and want to be a part of the Task Force Heroes mission.

Activities at the Heroes Renewal Center will include a variety of fun, entertaining and challenging indoor and outdoor activities for our veteran, law enforcement and first responder heroes. Activities are designed to speed up renewal of body, mind and spirit. We are partnering with numerous chaplains, VA authorities, law enforcement and first responder leaders to serve the needs of our heroes in uniform.

As you may expect in moving to a very large property, we have a huge needs list in order to provide the best possible service to our men and women in uniform. If you have contacts or can personally help with a gift to provide cutlery and crockery, bedding, implements, out-door activity equipment, tractor and snow blower, patio furniture, tools - routers, circular saw, belt sander...you name it, we need it.

If you would like to assist with some of the urgent needs of the Heroes Renewal Center or have questions regarding one of our programs, please contact us at Heroes@taskforceheroes.org or all us at (844)756-HERO.

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