

From the Fox Hole

Reminder of a big issue that we should all be praying for.

Over a recent six month period the VA has left over 17,000 veterans to pay out of pocket expenses for emergency medical care. That should have been covered by our government.

These veterans were forced to pay over 53 million dollars in medical bills. Although congress has sent letters to the VA demanding answers one has to ask themselves why is this still happening? It puzzles me that a service member can answer the call of their nation, go to war, risk their lives, leave their families and forsake time that cannot be replaced, and yet they cannot even get taken care of when they need medical care.

Please pray for these warriors, and the VA system, which truly needs a complete overhaul. I have personally walked into VA hospitals and seen the lines of veterans all the way back to WWII or Korean War vets standing there for hours waiting, or being hustled around getting shots behind shower curtains in small cubicles in areas that need complete refurbishing and remodeling.



We had a very productive meeting with LAPD Metro Division Officers and Command to discuss our partnership. Several of their Officers joined us in 2018 with another arriving in October.

PASTOR SHANE'S Point of View

Dear Partner,

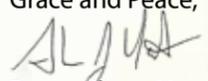
I hope you are doing well and that you are enjoying the Lord's blessings in your life. His blessings never cease to amaze me as we continue to grow and move forward as a ministry. I am humbled every time I see the hearts of these warriors who walk through the door of this Renewal Center.

Many are unsure of what to expect, or how the four day retreat will go. However, by the end of the four days we have become family, and it is always sad to see them leave. We grind through those things in our hearts that have caused us pain, we celebrate the victories God has provided us, and we enjoy His beautiful creation outdoors through our Mountain Bike adventures, archery range and competitions, and fly fishing. To see the change in some of these brave warriors is amazing and humbling at the same time. Even just seeing them have a chance to relax and look deeper into their lives is something that we cherish here at Task Force Heroes.

The past two years in Bozeman MT have been so incredible and we are so grateful to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and prayer warriors. We would not be able to do what we have been called to do without you. This year we have been blessed with a new vehicle for transporting our attendees and 2 new UTV's to provide property tours and transport to the various outdoor events.

We also were asked to be a part of the first annual Veteran and First Responder Appreciation BBQ which was held at Journey Church. We had an awesome turnout of Vets and First Responders from all around Gallatin County. The music was awesome and the BBQ fantastic. We look forward to our next event BBQ in the summer of 2020. For this year we are gearing up for our Fitness Challenge with Fuel Fitness scheduled for Sept 14th. As you know we had a great turnout last year and this is shaping up to be even bigger with more challenging events.

In closing please remember to continue to pray for those frontline warriors who are in harm's way every day, and for us here at TFH. The enemy never stops trying to tear down the work of the Lord. But as we know the victory has already been won by our Lord and Savior Jesus!

Grace and Peace,

 Pastor Shane Yates
 OIF/OEF Vet
 CEO Task Force Heroes



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FINDING NEW PURPOSE AFTER AN EXCEPTIONAL CAREER

By **Glenn Goulet**

LA CO. Fire BN Chief retired and our newest Board Member who works as a TFH volunteer as well. Glenn plays a vital role in connecting us with various Fire Agencies and also is a peer to peer mentor.

Several years ago, after working 36 years as a full time firefighter, I was forced to retire due to an on duty injury. The Fire Department was my life and had become my identity.

In 1981 I was hired by The Los Angeles County Fire Department and quickly enrolled in the Paramedic Program. After graduating I was assigned to one of their busiest Paramedic units in South Central LA. After five years I was promoted to Engineer and worked on one of our busiest truck companies and then as a Crew Foreman on one of our Inmate Fire Crews. After 10 years I was promoted to Fire Captain and was assigned to one of our busiest fire engines in a Wildland Interface area. During that time my wife and I were blessed with my second and third daughters, a set of twins, one of which was mentally and physically disabled. While I loved my job and my family, the fast pace of the fire department and the trials of dealing with a severely disabled child started to take its toll on me. My plate was so full that I started to question my decision-making ability. During that time, we had the Glen Allen Fire and lost two of our Hot Shot crewmembers and two others were severely burned. This also took its toll on me and I started to show signs of stress. At this point I started finding excuses to take the day off work. I decided that I needed help and reached out to one of my mentors. With his help I got my confidence back.

In 2007 I was asked transfer into our Air and Wildland Section to supervise a Juvenile Fire Camp. In 2009, while working as a Training Specialist in our Air and Wildland Section, I received a call that two of my good friends had perished protecting our Fire Camp 16 from the Station Fire. My first thought was, "How are their nine co-workers doing?" My first call was to my Battalion Chief and I asked him, "Who is going to help these guys?" Knowing what they were going through, I volunteered to fill in as their



Glenn Goulet has vast experience as a Firefighter and leader of Firefighters. This means he has had to deal with many tough situations in the glare of the media.



Glenn poses with a custom TV stand he built for Station 164 LA CO Fire Dept.



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supervisor. I was fully aware of the monumental task that I had just signed up for. At times, it was the best job I ever had and other times it was the worst. After rebuilding the camp, I accepted a promotion to Battalion Chief and was assigned to South Central LA, one of our busiest battalions. In 2015 after taking a day off from work, I received a call that the truck crew, on my shift, had fallen through the roof at a fire and a few were badly injured and burned and one critically. Over the next few years I tried to help as much as I could and be a mentor to these four guys.

Due to an on the job injury, I was forced to retire in 2017. The first month of retirement was great. But after a month or so I started to miss the challenge, the excitement, the stimulation, and the camaraderie and started to show some signs of depression. And due to my injury I was unable to participate in the off-duty hobbies I enjoyed. This made the problem worse.

After running into one of my co-workers, David Krisman, and discussing some of my issues with retirement, he told me about the **Task Force Heroes Renewal Center** in Bozeman, Montana. David mentioned that he was on the Board of Directors and explained that this program might help me. I quickly signed up.

Since attending an event at the Task Force Heroes Renewal Center I have become a huge advocate of the TFH Renewal Center and have persuaded several groups of firefighters associated with these events to attend. They have all had extremely positive experiences. Thank you to Shane, Timothy, Karon and the whole Task Force Heroes Team.



Glenn introduced us to the brave Firefighters of Station 164 LA CO. Fire where we presented our program to Command Staff and additional firefighters and enjoyed a BBQ burger lunch together. They were able to send a team to our May retreat! We are looking forward to having two more groups in September and October.



A few of brave Firefighters Glenn introduced us to at Station 164 LA CO. Fire Dept.

FIRST ANNUAL VETERAN AND FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION BBQ FUNDRAISER

TASK FORCE HEROES HAS RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME INTO THE BOZEMAN, MT COMMUNITY

On July 6th of this year we had the wonderful opportunity to be involved in the first annual Veteran and First Responder Appreciation BBQ Fundraiser. This year it was held at Journey Church and it was a fantastic success. We had over 100 first responders and veterans from Gallatin County in attendance including U.S. Senator Steve Daines. There were many booths set up and Task Force Heroes had the opportunity to meet many of Montana's Heroes and share in the celebration. The music and the BBQ added to make this a great first event.

As it is shaping up, this will be an annual event for many years to come. Additionally, in attendance were members of the Montana National Guard Recruiting Station who brought out a rock climbing wall, as well as the Medevac Crew for civilian emergencies. There were also some 1950's era military vehicles on display and a bounce house for the kids.

We are looking forward building on this experience and holding an even more impactful event in 2020. It would be an honor to see all of you there!



SOME OF THE ACTION GOING ON AT THE HEROES RENEWAL CENTER



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