November Edition: Every Day Should Be Veterans Day



*Invitation:* Give Stacie and Carrie the opportunity to send a thank you card to a veteran in your family...



Now through Christmas, Stacie and Carrie are sending handwritten cards to every veteran whose address is shared with them. Give Stacie and Carrie the opportunity to send a thank you card to a veteran in your family. Or, if you're a veteran, let them send you one.

It's easy. Fill out a quick form by <u>clicking here</u> so Stacie and Carrie can send a handwritten thank-you card. Thank you so much for the honor of thanking our heroes!

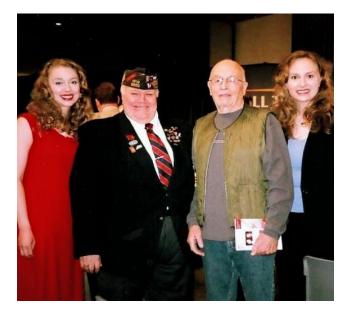
#### **Every Day Should Be Veterans Day**

By Stacie Ruth Stoelting and Carrie Beth Stoelting

Veterans Day. On the calendar, it appears but once. November 11, to be exact. However, Veterans Day should be every day.

Think about it: Every veteran willingly offered to protect us and, if needed, to die for us. Immeasurable suffering and sacrifices color the pages of history and profoundly affect families forever.

That's why Veterans Day should be every day.



L-R: Stacie, veterans Lee Booton & Glenn McDole, and Carrie

In order to create a vivid image of heroism, the story of every fallen hero, wounded warrior, POW, and other heroic veterans should be told. One such story is of an Iowan, the late Glenn McDole.

Not long before Glenn McDole passed away, our paths crossed with this American hero. He was one of the rightfully honored heroes at an event where Stacie sang the National Anthem. We felt deeply grateful to have the opportunity to recognize his heroism, thank him from our hearts, and shake his hand.

His story riveted us and, to this very day, we are moved whenever we think of him:

It was 1940. In homes across America, loud radios (not TVs) reported on the distant rumblings in Europe. An Iowan teenager decided to help. Glenn McDole decided that he would do the right thing and joined the U.S. Marine Corps to serve his country. Initially, it was more what a teenager would imagine it would be: He was first stationed in the Philippine Islands.

But then Pearl Harbor changed everything.... (<u>Click here</u> to read the rest of this <u>Newsmax</u> exclusive article by Stacie and Carrie.)

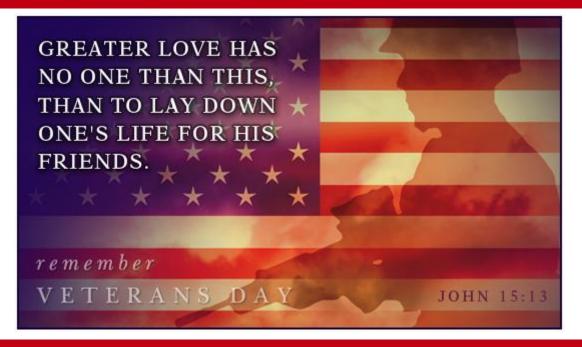


#### **Glenn McDole: Is His Own Words**



Glenn McDole survived the Palawan Massacre. Watch and listen to this brave WWII POW tell his riveting story. May we never forget...

# **This Month's Bible Verse**



**Featured Quote** 



"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause."

-Ronald Reagan



Soldiers give so much. It's time for us to give back to them. Here are a few ways to show our heroes appreciation and support:

**1.** Let us help you honor the heroes in your life. If you have a loved one who is a veteran or who is currently in the military, send Stacie and Carrie his or her picture, name, military branch, rank to <u>info@unitetheusa.org</u>. Unite the USA will post the information online as a way to honor and thank them.

## **12 Ways to Honor Heroes**

2. Be sure to set aside time to thank our heroes. Thank them in person, on the phone, in a card, or through an e-mail.

3. Check your local community's schedule for Veterans Day events. Attending an event honoring their service offers a great opportunity to honor and thank veterans in person.

**4. Don't forget our hospitalized heroes or elderly veterans in nursing homes.** Send a colorful card, send a gift, or stop by and visit. Note: <u>In God We Still Trust</u>

and Unite the USA make great gift ideas! :)

**5.** Invite a veteran to dinner, send a gift card to their favorite restaurant, or order/deliver a meal for them. Take him or a her a gift. Just do something to show that you care and that you are grateful for their service.

6. Visit a veteran- even if it's brief.

7. Pick up the phone and call just to thank them.

8. **Grant a wish.** Wounded Soldier's Wish raises funds to grant the wishes of injured military in all branches realize their dreams. No wish is too big or too small. Check it out <u>here</u>.

9. Send a card - one card and stamp could be... priceless! Send one to a hero you know or write one and send it to **A Million Thanks** <u>here</u>. Also, it you live in a small town, often the local newspaper will print area the servicemen and women's addresses.

10. Send a care package to a serviceman or woman. See below for more details.

11. Offer a discount at your business or company to veterans with a military ID or veterans card.

12. Reach out to military families and ask them ways that you can help.

### Send A Christmas Care Package

Christmas is around the corner. Get started now to be sure care packages are received near Christmas. It means so much to them to receive something from home. So, get busy and reach out to a hero today. Make it a family project. Here are some tips to send a care package:

1. Shop for items to go in the care package. Include a variety of items such as nonperishable food and snacks like



sunflower seeds, beef jerky, hard candy, gum and snack crackers. Useful items like toothpaste, hand lotion, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, shampoo, chap stick, and bath soap are always appreciated. Also include CDs, DVDs, magazines, small games, note pads and pens. If you are preparing a care package for a loved one, include photos, family videos, hand written letters and copies of the local newspaper.

2. Follow the restrictions established for military care packages. Do not send perishable foods or candies that melt. Alcohol, firearms, and any time of weapon are not allowed in care packages. Do not send any product that may be considered harmful such as an aerosol spray can.

3. Use the guidelines established for the care package itself. The package cannot weigh more than 70 pounds. The box or container that is sent must be no more than 130 inches total combined girth and length. The completed care package needs to be sent by way of the United States Postal System by "Priority Mail." If not sent by Priority Mail, the package will take 8 weeks or even longer if mailed during the holiday mailing period.

4. Be sure that you have the correct military address to mail your care package because the package will pass through the Military Post Office (MPO) to be processed to the correct military base or location.

5. Work together with military families in the same unit as your loved one to make sure that all the members of the unit have care packages arriving from home. Ask the home front commanding officer or the assigned contact to stay updated about the military unit's location. Talk to organizations in your community about doing service projects for various military units that may not have a lot of home front support.

#### While There's Time



Listen to Stacie and Carrie sing "While There's Time". Let's honor & appreciate our veterans while there's still time.

## **Remembering All Veterans Who Served**

#### Honoring the Honorable

We give tribute to our military, past and present including during peacetime:

The American Revolution 1775-1783

The Indian Wars 1775-1890

Shay's Rebellion 1786-1787

The Whiskey Rebellion 1794

Quasi-War With France 1798-1800

Fries's Rebellion 1799

The Barbary Wars 1800-1815

The War of 1812 1812-1815

Mexican-American War 1846-1848

U.S. Slave Rebellions 1800-1865

"Bleeding Kansas" 1855-1860

Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry - 1859

United States Civil War 1861-1865

U.S. Intervention in Hawaiian Revolution -1893

The Spanish-American War - 1898

U.S. Intervention in Samoan Civil War 1898-1899

> U.S.-Philippine War 1899-1902

Boxer Rebellion - 1900

The Moro Wars 1901-1913

U.S. Intervention in Panamanian Revolution 1903

The Banana Wars 1909-1933

U.S. Occupation of Vera Cruz - 1914

Pershing's Raid Into Mexico - 1916-1917

World War I - 1914-1918

Allied Intervention in Russian Civil War 1919-1921

World War II - 1941-1945

The Cold War - 1945-1991

The Korean War 1950-1953

Vietnam War - 1956-1975

U.S. Intervention in Lebanon - 1958

**Dominican Intervention 1965** 

Iranian Hostage Rescue 1980 (April 25)

U.S. Libya Conflict 1981, 1986

U.S. Intervention in Lebanon - 1982-1984

U.S. Invasion of Grenada 1983

"Operation Earnest Will" 1987-1988

U.S. Invasion of Panama 1989

Second Persian Gulf War "Operation Desert Storm" 1991

"No-Fly Zone" War 1991-2003

U.S. Intervention in Somalia - 1992-1994

NATO Intervention in Bosnia (Operation Deliberate Force) Summary - 1994-1995

U.S. Occupation of Haiti 1994

U.S. Embassy bombings and strikes on Afghanistan and Sudan (The bin Laden War) - August, 1998

"Desert Fox" Campaign (part of U.S./Iraq Conflict) December, 1998

Kosovo War - 1999

Attack on the USS Cole October 12, 2000

Attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon September 11, 2001

Afghanistan War (Operation Enduring Freedom) October 7, 2001-Present

"Operation Iraqi Freedom" March 19, 2003-2011

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"For freedom Christ has set us free..."-Galatians 5:1 (ESV)



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Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, <u>In God</u> <u>We Still Trust</u> was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. <u>Buy or download a copy</u> <u>today.</u> God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

#### In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



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# **Booking Info**



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