

A Great Editorial Bond's Broadcast

Guest Nation Remembers

By Marty Conatser

As leader of the world's largest veterans organization, I often have the privilege of meeting some important people. No, I am not referring to our elected officials, business leaders or celebrities. I am speaking to the members of the U.S. Military.

Can any CEO or distinguished Ivy League graduate truly claim to be under more pressure than the 23-year-old squad leader leading a patrol in Baghdad? Do they really have more responsibility than the young commander of a nuclear-powered submarine? Do they have as much on the line as the mechanic fixing a \$2 billion stealth bomber? "Nothing in our lives will ever be as important as this," said Lt. Col Henry Mucci, in the 2005 true-to-life film *The Great Raid*. He makes the status prior to leading the rescue of more than 600 American prisoners held by the Japanese. Mucci's mission was spectacularly successful. America is blessed because millions of men and women realized and still realize that nothing in their lives is as important as defending this nation.

For many veterans, it is more important to endure long separations from their families, miss the births of their children, freeze in zero temperatures, hike in wild jungles, lose limbs, and, far too often, lose their lives. Sadly, their deeds are frequently unappreciated. In an essay early this year, our sergeant Eddie Jeffers wrote, "Even thousands of miles away, in Ramadi, Iraq, the cries and screams and complaints of the grateful reach me. In a year, I will be thrust back into society from a life and

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Fortunate is a soldier who walks into an American Legion post, is given the thanks of a grateful organization. If we put soldiers in boots, and we put those boots in harm's way, The American Legion family knows it must support them in every way. "Not only must we support the veteran but we must also support their families," as we demonstrate through The American Legion Legacy Fund, which provides scholarships to the children of heroes like Sgt. Eddie Jeffers. We also show our support through the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance and the National Campaign for Emergency Fund. Just a name a few. We welcome

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Veloz Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week. What a great weekend. Well, a great Sunday at least. I guess Saturday was the greatest.

Ben and his dad spent it replacing the fuel pump in his truck. Thankfuly, Ben's dad is very handy and he did it without a start. He ended up getting it to start and hadn't had any trouble with it since then. That is, until Saturday.

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