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Thank You

I have been out of commission, for several months, recovering from two major surgeries. I greatly appreciate those who had me on their prayer list and sent cards. During that time we have not had our usual Veterans Life Group meeting. Sept 8th, we will start having VLG meetings again. Please continue to pray for spiritually wounded veterans to find hope and healing in Christ.

The Veterans Life Group meets, for food and fellowship, at 1830 hours on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We will meet at the Journey Conference Center, located at 5415 Highway 557, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

Calendar of Events

September 2015

Sept 7th.....Labor Day
Sept 8th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Sept 22nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

October 2015

Oct 13th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Oct 27th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Oct 31stHalloween

November 2015

Nov 1stDaylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 17th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Nov 24th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Nov 26thHappy Thanksgiving

Quotable

“It is easier to find men who will volunteer to die, than to find those who are willing to endure pain with patience.”
– Julius Caesar (100-44BC)

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.” – Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

“For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us...” II Corinthians 1:8~10

Warrior's Witness

Recently, I have been sidelined, while recovering from surgery. During that period of time, I did not write and I cancelled the usual Veterans' Life Group activities. I felt very bad about not being able to do these things. However, I was in excruciating pain and had many sleepless nights. I found myself considering others who had experienced extreme pain. I thought about a close friend who had fallen while mountain climbing and had suffered such trauma that his body took a year to heal. I thought about the early Christians who had suffered torture and death and I thought about the Lord hanging on the cross, suffering and dying for all. I also considered my fellow warriors who suffered physical, emotional and deep spiritual wounds.

While, the memory of physical pain does not bring back the actual pain, the same cannot be said for the emotions. The memory of the event that caused the pain may fade with time. But, the emotional pain associated with the memory can remain as fresh and as strong as when it was first experienced. Whether the memory is happy or sad or terrifying, it is strong emotion that imprints memories. Were there no emotions, the memory would soon be discarded.

When I attended a reunion of the men I served with in Echo Company, we reminisced about many events, which occurred during our time in Vietnam. Invariably our memories about the same events were slightly different and often they were substantially different. Yet, together, we all had the same experiences at the same time. The only difference was, we had each viewed those events from our own perspective or through our own eyes.

When we receive Jesus, we receive His life. This includes the ability to view people and events through His eyes. When we ask Him to help us see through His eyes, we will find that it is the memories that remain and the unendurable pain that fades away.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strobe