



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Even though we may not be a veteran from the military, we are still involved with spiritual battles. Who we daily yield to determines if we become a casualty or a veteran.”

All Vets

My Uncle Jim Bean (pictured below) was a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Battalion 9th Marines, “The Walking Dead” during the Vietnam War. He received a Purple Heart for his service. He loved helping veterans and thanking them for their service and was very proud to have served his country. Jim recently received the “Service above Self” award from the Rotary Club and an award from the Elks for his work with the veterans. He was elected as the District Field Officer for the Vietnam Veterans of America. In September 2015, he started an organization called All Vets. All Vets is a nonprofit group that has the goal of preserving the stories of local veterans for the future. They have vets make a presentation of which they record on DVD for them and the York County History Center. The website about this organization is ALLVETS.US. My Uncle went to be with the Lord, January 2017. His funeral was with full military honors. The procession to the grave site was a mile long. His grave is next to a WWII cannon. My Aunt Linda now continues his work in All Vets.

Ever since the Garden of Eden, mankind has been in conflicts and battles. The old Testament is filled many battles. Everyone knows the story of the Battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down. Joshua was one of the greatest Generals. He conquered 31 kings so the Children of Isaiah could have their promised land. History records thousands of other battles with both many casualties and veterans.

Without exception, every one of us are involved in battles with good and evil. Being a Christian does not make us immune from temptation, sin, persecution, pain, anger, sorrow and hardships. In fact, it only makes Satan and our enemies work harder against us. We must constantly rearm with prayer, Bible, fellowship, faith, and the power of God. If God be for us, then who can stand against?

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:” Eph 6:10-17 “Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.” I John 4:4



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*In our spiritual warfare,
let's us not be casualties
but all vets.*

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.” II Tim 2:7*



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