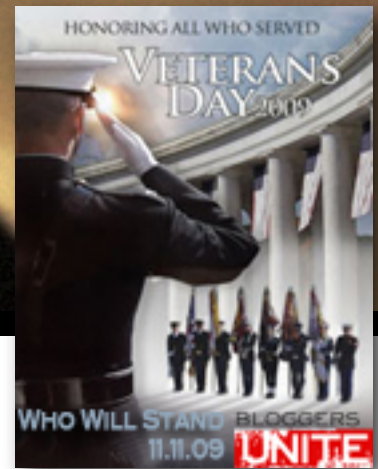


They were trained to survive in Iraq.
No one trained them how to survive...
Once they got home.



Veterans Day: Who Will Stand

Veterans Day: Who Will Stand is a Bloggers Unite event (<http://www.bloggersunite.org/event/veterans-day-who-will-stand>) that asks bloggers to help raise awareness and funds for various organizations that support veterans with physical and/or psychological scars. While Veterans Day is an annual American holiday honoring military veterans, it is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world.

Suggested Topics For Veterans Day on November 11.

- **The Soldier's Project** helps provide free counseling and support to military service members who have served or who expect to serve in the Iraq and/or Afghanistan conflicts and to veterans of those conflicts. The services are completely confidential and are not reported to any government agencies. thesoldiersproject.org
- **Defending Freedom** raises awareness and support for service men and women with their Defending Freedom wristbands. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to military charities to support the troops and their families. More than 673,000 wristbands have been sent overseas. www.defendingfreedom.net
- **Canines for Combat Wounded** provides service dogs for service men and women injured in combat. Beyond providing companionship, the dogs are specially-trained to work with the soldiers according to their needs, helping them live longer, happier, more rewarding lives. www.caninesforcombatwounded.org
- **Blue Star Mothers** provides support for active duty service personnel, assists veterans organizations, and is available to assist in homeland volunteer efforts. The organization consists of mothers who have or have had children honorably serving in the military. www.bluestarmothers.org
- **Wounded Warrior Project** raises awareness and enlists the aid of the public in meeting the needs of severely injured service men and women by providing direct services that honor and empower wounded warriors. They also advocate for legislation to provide critically-needed services to family caregivers of severely wounded warriors. www.woundedwarriorproject.org

All of these organizations were featured in the film **Who Will Stand**, an independent documentary that covers the plight of physically and/or psychologically wounded soldiers after they have returned from war. As the sponsor of this event, producer/director Phil Valentine will be sharing clips of the film on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/DirectorValentine>