



Members of Guam Chapters 1315 and 787 gathered for dedication of Purple Heart Highway. Front row: Nicholas Francisco, Cristobal Tedtaotao; Anthony Perez; and Francisco Santos. Middle row: Victor Tabios, Joseph Ignacio; David Sayama; Rick Cruz; James Powell; Tom Devlin; Frank Flores; and Jewus Aguon. Rear row: Ramon Fejerang; Tom Mendiola; Joe Kosaka; Jack Shimizu; Juan Quidachay; Erwin Jackson (partial); Carl Gutierrez (former Governor of Guam; and Joseph Leon Guerrero.

Submitted by Ch. #1315

Army Ups Referral Bonus to \$2K

Bonuses have doubled to \$2K for Soldiers and retirees referring future Soldiers to the Referral Bonus Pilot Program.

Active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers, and Army retirees, are eligible for the referral bonus.

Soldiers working in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, Active Duty for Special Work Program or the Future Soldier Training Program are also eligible if the prospective Soldier has not already met with a recruiter.

The bonus is not paid to Soldiers referring members of their immediate families, to include spouses, children, parents, stepparents and siblings.

Referrals should be made through the Army Referral System - Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/smart. An Army Knowledge Online user name and password are required to use the site, at which Soldiers must first establish a user account to make a referral. Users will be asked to submit such personal information as their social security number to facilitate payment.

Referrals may also be made at (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0473.

The bonus is paid in two lump sums. The first half is paid when the Soldier begins basic training, and the second half is paid after the Soldier graduates from One-Station Unit Training or Advanced Individual Training.

There are no retroactive provisions to the change. Sponsors who provided referrals before Nov. 13 are only eligible for the \$1K bonus. ★

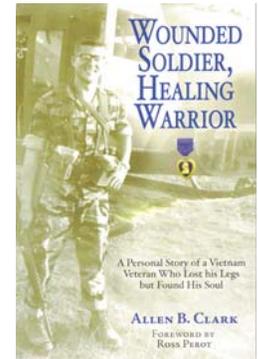
WOUNDED SOLDIER, HEALING WARRIOR

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Forward by Ross Perot
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This is a personal story of a Vietnam Veteran who lost his legs in Vietnam. It was early morning, June 17, 1967, and Dak To Special Forces camp in Vietnam was under attack. In the time it took for the bright flash of a mortar explosion to fill the pre-dawn darkness, the life of West Point graduate Allen B. Clark Jr. would be changed forever. The support of a loving wife and competence of Brooke Army Hospital provided the impetus for the healing necessary to forge on with his life. Among the more poignant passages in his book, Clark relates an experience early in his recovery. After the effects of morphine had worn off, he was waiting for his wife, Jackie, a regular visitor to his bedside. When the pain dragged him down and she had not yet arrived, in desperation he asked a single amputee in the next bed if he would hold his hand. Without hesitating, this understanding black enlisted man held his hand until Jackie arrived. Clark noted his sympathetic touch not only helped take his mind off the pain, but also helped him realize that he was not alone. In addition, this act of kindness helped him see that neither race nor rank nor status of officers and enlisted men existed on the ward as it did on military bases and battlefields.

An equally poignant passage relates to his spiritual awakening, and as a result Clark gained in both physical and spiritual strength.

Wounded Soldier, Healing Warrior is a book needed by those in the process of physical recovery from wounds of war, accident or heritage, as well as by the families and loved ones who care about “their” patient. The reader will come away uplifted in body, mind and spirit. Sharing in this brave warrior’s experience, through his adversities, gifts, and blessings reveal the inner strength of the human spirit.

While Clark enabled himself to largely overcome his disability, he writes about his career moves in a life that ventured into State and National politics. His book provides the reader with a look into the intrigue, hard work, success and disappointment associated with such a life. Clark’s message: In addition to fortune that befalls us, personal fortitude and acceptance of the will of God in adversity and opportunity provide the road to meaning and understanding of one’s purpose in life. ★