

### Got Your Six Chatline presented by National Veteran Resources

National Veteran resources is now offering a chat line for Active Duty Military (including Reserves and National Guard), Veterans and First Responders (including retired Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Ambulance Workers and 911 Dispatchers).

We are matching individuals that are suffering with isolation anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation with another individual that understands by speaking with the individual and matching them with who we think would offer the most emotional support.

We are joining forces and networking with men and women that are serving and have served to speak with an individual that just needs to talk with someone outside of their normal relationships. We can do this by phone or video chat through Facetime, Google Duo and Skype.

Please send us an instant message or call 888-526-5552.

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# Trip to Texas for a Thermal Hog Hunt

This was a trip of hope and inspiration. In 2019 I met my friend Tom McRae and he changed my life, my mindset, my mission. Tom and Mike are Veterans that have sustained injuries and they have never given up hope. I had submitted a video for a Thermal Hog Hunter to ONE80 Outdoors TV in Tom's behave. John and Jess Rogers are offering their home, land and the hog for Toms trip.

Knowing Tom could not fly as he needed his medical equipment with him, I spoke up and said that if Tom won I would pick him up and travel with him for the 12 days of the travel and hunt and Good Lord, he won the hunt contest. We made the trip with another Wounded Veteran, Mike who assisted with driving and help Tom. We towed a trailer with all of Tom's equipment.

## Tom's Story

Tom joined right out of high school in 2000. He deployed six times—to Japan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Portugal, Iraq, and finally Afghanistan, "to a sweet little hell-hole called Sang in," Tom adds, which, in 2017, continues to be a war-torn city, with the Taliban recovering control just this past March. For the first many years of his service, Tom was a machine gunner in the infantry. Then he elected to go to the Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) school to continue his service as an EOD team member. Then in January of 2012, life changed, Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Thomas McRae stepped on a 20-lb. IED. "Both of my legs got blown off above the knee, and then my left arm was amputated above the elbow. I got hit in the face, and so, initially, I was blind in one eye because the nerve got torn, but they cut that out, eventually. Where I got hit in my head, in my eye socket, a bunch of bone fragments shot back into my brain.

YES, did get a hog! We had an amazing adventure one I am sure everyone involved will never forget



Prayers to everyone in this uncertain time, Stay safe