

It's Today, from Thomas Cannon

Memorial Day is a day to remember the brave men and women who sacrificed everything for their brothers and sisters, and the country we love. Names like Gary Collins, Mark Vasquez, Joe Lister, Ryan Young, and Jarrod Black might be just another name to most. These men are my brothers, and have paid in full for you and everyone else in this country. Joe Dunigan, Chris Hill, Chris Ramirez, Daniel Shepherd, and John Tipton are more names for you to remember. These men died for us while living in terrible conditions during some of the most brutal fighting in Iraq. There are no words to describe these men like Charles Price, Jacob Molina, or Craig Gaglia. These are men among men, and the best of those men. They have laid down their lives so the people of this great nation can enjoy the wonderful freedoms generations have fought to earn and preserve.

The names of Brian Hall, Gary Woods, Jason Pautsch, Edward Forrest, and Bryce Gautier will slip your mind after hearing their names called, but never forget their purpose, and never forget their sacrifice. We honor them not just on Memorial Day but every day, by remembering what they have done out of love for you and the freedom that flourishes within our borders. We should all fight for the men like Michael Volfe, Heath Shubert, Nathan Smith, Adam Sines, Christian Hill, and Nikolas Timmins who left the war but it never left them. They left this earth too early. The 22 Veterans a day who take their own lives is 22 too many.

All of these Heroes deserve to be remembered. I am here with my family everyday because of their sacrifice. You are able to be free, pray, protest, and choose the life you want because of these men, and countless others. These men are my brothers, and I thank them for what they have done for us. I will never forget them, I miss them every day, and I will always honor them with my love and my life.

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