

BOBBY HENLINE

“The Well Done Comedian”

COMEDIAN * MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER * ARMY VETERAN * ACTOR

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Henline is a retired Army Staff Sergeant, last serving with the 82nd Airborne Division. He spent 13 years in the Army, completing four tours. While on his fourth tour in Iraq, three weeks after his arrival, an IED exploded under his Humvee – April 7, 2007 is a day he will never forget. The four soldiers with him were killed. As Henline stumbled out of the wreck, a human torch, he was extinguished by the soldier he had replaced in the Humvee. With burns covering almost 40% of his body, fractured bones in his face, and his head burned to the skull, Henline was put into a medically induced coma for two weeks and was flown back to the states.

During his initial six-month hospital stay, Bobby remained upbeat, positive, and relied on humor to get him through each day. Putting nurses in headlocks, trying to keep other wounded soldiers' spirits up by telling them jokes, and singing a ditty over and over garnered the attention of his occupational therapist. She challenged him to go to an open mic night and try his hand at comedy, making him promise with a pinky swear. He kept his promise, and that experience started a new chapter in his life. Comedy helps Bobby keep his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Anxiety at bay, and allows him to share his story and healing with others in a positive, funny, inspirational way.

Today, Henline continues his quest to make people laugh in a variety of venues. His professional comedy includes performances as the “Well-Done Comedian” at Brad Garrett’s Comedy Club, Las Vegas; Laugh Factory, Chicago; and Hollywood Improv, Los Angeles, to name just a few. As an actor, credits include the following movies and TV series: “Sophie and the Rising Sun”, “Surviving Home”, and “Shameless”.

Henline’s story and lived experiences have been featured in numerous media, including the documentaries “Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor”, “Healing Bobby”, and “Weight of Honor”; on CNN, PBS KET, NPR, Today.com, and Time.com; Time Magazine, People Magazine, The Huffington Post, Guideposts, and Readers Digest; as well as television, radio, and podcasts around the world.

His other experience includes modeling, writing poetry, and songwriting. In 2016, Henline co-founded *Bravo748 Military and Combat Speakers Bureau*, an organization that invests in Veterans who are speakers and entertainers with a mission of giving back to their communities through their experience, training, stories, comedy, music, and more.

As a Motivational Speaker/Inspirational Comedian/Emcee, Henline is comfortable speaking with one person or 1,000’s. He collaborates with and performs for military and military-related organizations to inspire soldiers, Veterans, and their families, spreading his message of life, love, joy, and resilience; he visits middle and high schools across the country to inspire young people; and speaks at for profit and not-for-profit organizations (Law Enforcement, First Responders, Athletics, Universities, Healthcare, Airlines, Fund-raisers, etc.) sharing his story of resiliency, hope, and healing.

As Seen



"I think it's safe to say Bobby Henline is the bravest person I know, both in life and on the stage. I've had the opportunity to see him perform many times and he is downright hysterical. His fearlessness as a person and as a comic is so incredibly admirable. I consider it a true honor to work with Bobby as a fellow comedian, and am proud and grateful to call him my friend."

Brad Garrett

Brad Garrett's Comedy Club, Las Vegas

"Bobby Henline is one of the bravest people I know, and one of the funniest comics I know. His comedy transcends any initial impression you might have of him, as he takes you on a laugh out loud journey which is poignant, honest, raw and just plain silly fun. He's a charismatic guy whose mission is to spread joy, and he does that with ease. Bobby is definitely one 'hot comic' worth watching."

Bernadette Luckett

Producer, Writer

"Bobby spoke at our District Summit this year, and was amazing! His message really hit home for some of us who feel like we might be having a bad day. Not only did he remind us how thankful we should be for each day we have, but he also reminded us to laugh and keep a light attitude as we deal with stressful situations in a sometimes not-so-nice world. He also took time to speak to attendees privately and answer any questions. His presence and message amused us while leaving us more thankful and humbled than when we woke up that morning. His presentation was one of the best I've had the pleasure of seeing over the years."

Mendi Leigh

U.S. Probation, AZ District

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