

# **BOBBY HENLINE**





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 did not survive. 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 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 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 in 2010. He has been doing comedy whenever and wherever he can ever since.

Bobby's comedic style is self-deprecating, as he makes fun of not only himself, but others who unwittingly enter his circle of everyday living. Known as "The WellDone Comedian" he shares his story using a positive, funny, inspirational approach that keeps audiences rolling on the floor.

Some of the most notable clubs Henline has performed in include **Brad Garrett's Comedy Club**, Las Vegas; **Laugh Factory**, Chicago; and **Hollywood Improv**, Los Angeles, to name a few.

He was one of five wounded military veterans featured in the documentary *Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor.* Top comedians *Bob Saget, Lewis Black, Zach Galifianakis, B.J. Novak* met with and mentored these aspiring comedians throughout the filming.

Bobby can be seen in the films *MBF: Man's Best Friend and Sophie and the Rising Sun*, as well as being cast as "Pyro Paulie" in the Showtime hit series *Shameless*.

Henline's story and lived experiences have been featured in film, print, and electronic 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 from around the world.



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### THE WELLDONE COMEDIAN



#### **COMEDY SHORTS**

- Brad Garrett Comedy Club: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ITZB7CsE81">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ITZB7CsE81</a>
- Huckabee Show: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOxDKt6kzy0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOxDKt6kzy0</a>
- Humor for Hero's Benefit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8LwikZO7BU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8LwikZO7BU</a>

#### **NOTABLE COMEDY CLUB PERFORMANCES**

- Brad Garrett Comedy Club, MGM, Las Vegas
- Laugh Factory, Chicago
- Hollywood Improv, LA
- Stand Up Live, Huntsville, AL
- Laugh Out Loud, San Antonio, TX
- Joke Joint Comedy Showcase, Houston, TX
- Snappers, Fort Myers, FL

#### **SCHEDULED COMEDY CLUB PERFORMANCES 2023**

- Zanies, Nashville, TN
- Cozzy's, Newport News, VA

#### OTHER COMEDY PERFORMANCES

- Southeastern Homicide Investigators Association
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Associations
- Military Veteran Fundraisers
- Non-profit Fundraisers
- High Schools (Clean Comedy only)
- Universities and Colleges
- VFW and American Legion Posts
- So much more!

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