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God, Family, Country by Carl Beyer and Friends

I had the honor of attending my son graduation from Army Basic Training this past week. Wow how proud I am of all these men and women stepping up for our country.

Let there be no doubt our military has a strong commitment to God. The prayer given at the graduation ceremony was very moving. Those who are able to have the strong backbone to put their very life on the line for our freedom has a close relationship with God. While we civilians wander through life believing we will have time “later” to get right with God our military personal do not have that luxury. They know they may be called up to meet their maker too soon. As the saying goes “There is no atheist in a foxhole”. I wonder what the updated version is with the foxhole being a thing of the past.

Our veterans that have served know that the military has a strong commitment to family. First in the traditional sense of supporting the military personnel spouses. Our military know how important it is for our soldiers to have a strong supportive family backing them in their important mission. Military spouses unlike no other spouses are giving so much to our country in the potential loss of their husbands or wives, or in the ultimate sacrifice of their lost.

With these young kids who I know are men and women but they seem so young to me. The military is their family while they serve. While us parents watch our kids leave to serve we can take comfort in knowing that our kids are being cared for. Cared for as closely as family as they can. Our young soldiers are feed, clothed and housed and counseled. They are never alone against the world. Is that not the fundamental basis of a family? A family takes cares of one another. A family is there in good times and in hard times. In the military you are taken care of and know you are surrounded by people of common interest.

It is hard to describe the emotions that one experience when seeing our flag in a spotlight with our Nation Anthem playing and row upon row of soldiers waiting to graduate basic training. It represents how valuable our country is. This country with it flaws is still the greatest country God has ever blessed. In my humble opinion our country greatest asset boils down to one word, Freedom. God ultimate sacrifice to us is freedom. Would not it be much easier for god to just make us all believers and there be no evil. Freedom is God greatest gift to us and our country greatest gift to protect. If there is one object that embroils our country freedom it is the flag. Beside God natural creations the flag is one of the most beautiful sites and it often gives me Goosebumps when I see it. God bless the USA, may God always guide her to the brightest beacon of freedom in the world.

Be sure to remember and love these three words, God, Family and Country. Be sure to thank all our present serving military and those veterans with us today. Do not hesitate to pray for the souls of veterans that have passed over. With my son, Arkulas, we Beyers have offered four generations to the military and we are darn proud of it.

God bless our families. God bless our country. God bless you all.