

Meet our Award Winner

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To wrap up " Honor Your Hero, " we ' ve put together a Q & A with our winner, Sergeant Brian Horn.

You Served: What was your inspiration for AnySoldier.com?

Brian Horn: The inspiration for Anysoldier.com was a simple need to take care of my team in a tough situation. A few of my guys weren't getting anything in the mail, and here I was getting excessive amounts of food, etc from my parents to supplement a less than ideal feeding situation. As I requested more and more support from my parents to help more and more soldiers, the idea of anysoldier.com came through a rare, chance phone call home to my Dad. We believed that as many troops needed help, there had to be some way of getting them connected to the outstanding supporters who had no idea just how to send their support. Seeing as how my parents financially couldn't support our entire fighting force, we needed to come up with a vehicle to connect the supporters to our troops. **Thus, Anysoldier.com was born.**

You Served: What do you feel has been your greatest accomplishment through AnySoldier.com?

Brian Horn: My greatest accomplishment through the duration of Anysoldier.com is simply knowing that my Dad and I have had a lasting impact on so many lives, be it soldier or civilian. Thanks to the tireless supporters, Any Soldier has become a true force multiplier. And to think that we've really only just begun...



You Served: What was your most memorable experience as a Soldier?

Brian Horn: I had a lot of memorable experiences as a soldier, but in the end there is really only one true goal of any war or deployment. Ask anyone in a leadership position and they should tell you the same. It is to bring all of your men home safely. No matter the cost, it was not an option to ensure that everyone found their way home.

You Served: What are your plans for the future?

Brian Horn: My future plans are to complete my degree in business while continuing to further promote and establish the

Anysoldier.com organization. A book is also in the works!

You Served: Any plans for your award?

Brian Horn: I plan on donating a portion of this award money to anysoldier.com, as this organization is a non-profit website and stays alive strictly on donations alone.

In closing, I would just like to send a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all who voted for me and to the VA Mortgage Center for holding such an honorable ordeal! Thanks again guys, and please be sure to check out www.anysoldier.com if you haven't already. All you have to do is try the site once, and I promise you will be hooked, and know that you are doing a great thing.

We also wanted to share this statement from Brian's proud father, Marty Horn:

WOW! Thank you!!!!

It is really hard for me to put into words the pride we have in what Brian is and has done. His time in the military was full of action. He experienced a wide range of events, from terribly horrible to the very touching.

He has grown a lot and we appreciate every day that he is with us.

Our hearts go out to all the families who have lost a loved one. We are the fortunate ones, and we know it. We pray that this continues as Brian now has a sister in the war. She has a tough act to follow, and she knows it, and we do believe she is up to that challenge.

We thank everyone who shared their pride in Sergeant Horn and voted for him.

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