

August Edition: American Heroes, John Wayne, and You

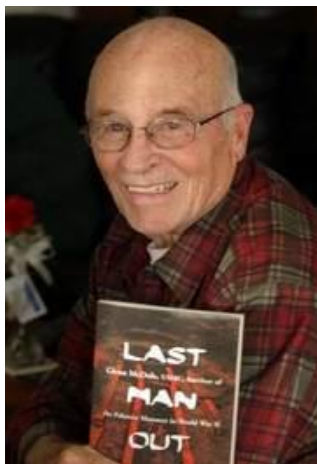


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God sometimes uses small towns as settings for big stories. In Iowa, this has happened time and again: In 1940, Iowa's own Glenn McDole enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and bravely served in WWII. On August 12, 1942, he entered the Palawan prison camp in the Philippines. Two long years later on December 14, 1944, Japanese soldiers slaughtered about 93% of



Glenn McDole

This Month's Bible Verse

More Than Conquerors

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" **Romans 8:31-32**

"America - Why I Love Her" By John Wayne

American POWs. The Japanese lied. They announced false air raids to move prisoners into underground shelters. Then, they mercilessly poured gasoline on top of them and used dynamite and machine guns to murder the POWs. Our brave soldiers were slain by evil, blood-thirsty hands. They died a hellish death for our freedom. Yet McDole escaped.

Amazingly, Glenn McDole was one of eleven young men who escaped. He was the last man out of the Palawan Prison Camp 10A. McDole and the ten other survivors dug into refuse piles, hid in coral caves, and slogged through jungle and swamps to safety. The horrifying conditions suffered by McDole and his comrades were endured for America's freedom - our freedom.

Honor the memory of those who have given their lives to keep us free. Thank our veterans and current servicemen and women for their hard work and tireless efforts to protect freedom. Our heroes know that freedom is worth it. They've seen tyranny and the consequential pain and disparity and that further emboldens them to fight for freedom.

Our veterans did not fight (and die) in vain. It is up to us to do our part to honor our heroes, treat them with respect, and give them the very best. We must protect our freedom on the home front. As President Ronald Reagan wisely said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

We all must do something.

With that in mind, we founded an outreach called *Unite the USA* to encourage positive patriotism and veteran appreciation. As sisters and life-long lowans, we believe that we all can do something to make a difference. Over time, we have traveled the country to promote how all Americans can honor veterans. We've had the opportunity to meet countless veterans and reach out to them with gratitude. For example we had the honor of meeting Glenn McDole and we'll



Be sure to listen to this heart-stirring message about America by John Wayne.

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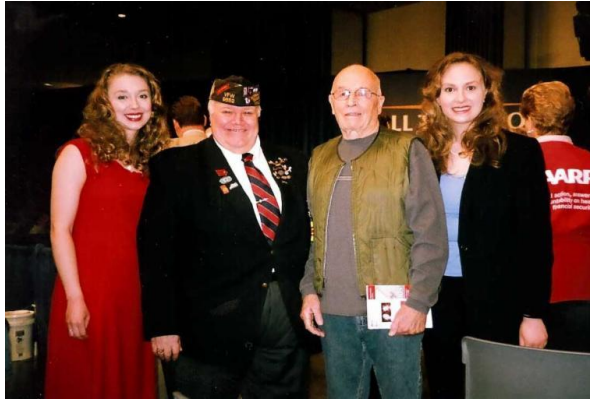


*John Wayne was a true patriot who was a strong advocate for veterans, freedom, and America. We recently enjoyed a wonderful visit to the **John Wayne Museum and Birthplace** in Winterset, Iowa. While there, we purchased a special patriotic tin sign of John Wayne to give away through this *Unite the USA* drawing. So, this John Wayne tin sign comes straight from John Wayne's hometown! **Click here to enter.** The last day to enter in August 31.*

*God bless America,
Carrie and Stacie*

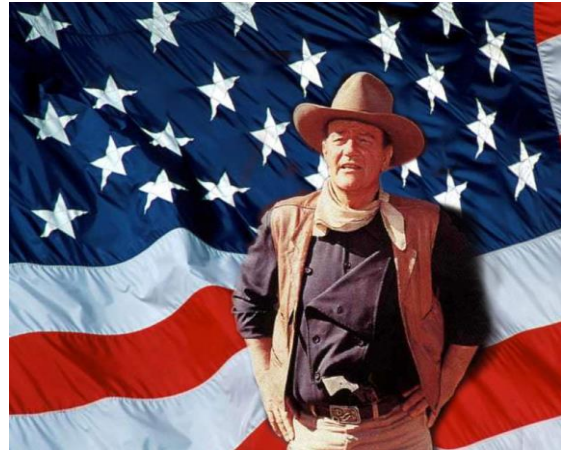
Featured Quote

never forget it. (Learn more about Glenn McDole's heroic story in his book *Last Man Out*.)



Stacie and Carrie with veterans Lee Booton and Glenn McDole

As spokeswomen for veterans, we regularly share on national media. In addition, together we have recorded two uplifting albums called *Heavenly* and *In God We Still Trust*. Most recently, we published a book titled *Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism*. With God's help, all of this has happened based in rural Iowa. We're thankful and proud of that fact that we are from Iowa... John Wayne was, too. In fact, we recently made a return visit to the town of his birth in Winterset, Iowa. We toured his house (which is also where he was born) and enjoyed the brand new museum. We gained a deeper insight into the Duke and why America still loves him. Please [click here](#) to learn more about John Wayne's new museum.



"Sure, I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure, I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be." -**John Wayne**

In God We Still Trust A CD by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting



Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, [*In God We Still Trust*](#) was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. [Buy or download a copy today](#). God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!



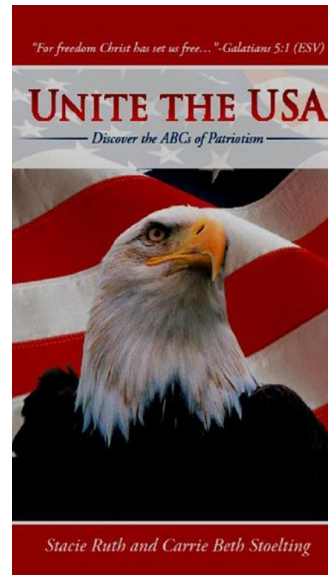
John Wayne was more than just a movie star. He symbolized what it means to be American. He would bring courage, independence, and love for God and country wherever he'd go. While an old football injury prevented him from serving in the military, John Wayne turned to other ways to serve the USA. He supported our troops from WWII to Vietnam. For example, he proudly wore Capt. Stephen P Hanson's "POW" bracelet after the Marine was shot down in Laos, Vietnam. Tragically, Capt. Hanson never came home but John Wayne remained in touch with his wife and young son. He made a difference.

We all should learn from John Wayne and be active, patriotic Americans. We challenge you to just do something. Make it a goal. Big or small, just do something for the good of our country. Freedom depends on it.

ACTION CENTER

1. Teach your kids. It makes a huge impact to spend time and visit with your kids or grandkids. Tell them about our country and about our veterans. If you don't, who will? Show them pictures of national cemeteries to give them an idea of the thousands upon thousands of men and

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Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism is a new book by **Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting**. It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, *Unite the USA* is a must-have tool for patriots. *Unite the*

USA will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of UnitetheUSA.org.) [Order it here today!](#)

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Booking Info



Celebrate the true spirit of America with Carrie Beth and Stacie Ruth. Book Stacie and Carrie for concert or conference! E-mail info@unitetheusa.org for

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women who have died for our country. Introduce your kids to veterans and take them to museums and local historical sites. Impress on them the beauty of America and what it means to be free.

2. Reach out to military families and ask them ways that you can help. It's hard having a loved one away serving our country. We believe that military families serve our country, too. So lend a hand and let them know they have your support and prayers.
3. Grant a wish. A Million Thanks has a Grand a Wish program that raises funds to grant the wishes of injured servicemen and women. No wish is too big or too small. Check it out [here](#) and learn how you can help.
4. **Our servicemen and women do without many comforts** so that we can live in freedom and peace. For example, did you that when troops are deployed they don't have a pillow to rest on? You can change that through **Project Pillows**. [Click here](#) to find out how you can help. It's easy and so helpful.
5. Do something to thank our heroes. E-mail a veteran a note of thanks. Visit a veteran-even if it's brief. Do your part to reach out to thank our heroes.

In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



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