

# The Last Full Measure

“The Last Full Measure” is not an original phrase; but is derived from Abraham Lincoln’s

“Gettysburg Address”.

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# Introduction

Courage and bravery are the counterparts or combatants to fear. Fear is always with us, but courage and bravery can supercede in moments or events – where, in our individual lives, we must attempt to overcome great obstacles or hindrances that may involve the protection or security of ourselves, someone, somebody, and/or something.

In the writings of this series, I will attempt to identify some of life's “un-song” heroes; it may not be easy to find or identify them – and the assignment of “hero” – or more appropriately courageous or brave – may be based on perspective or opinion...



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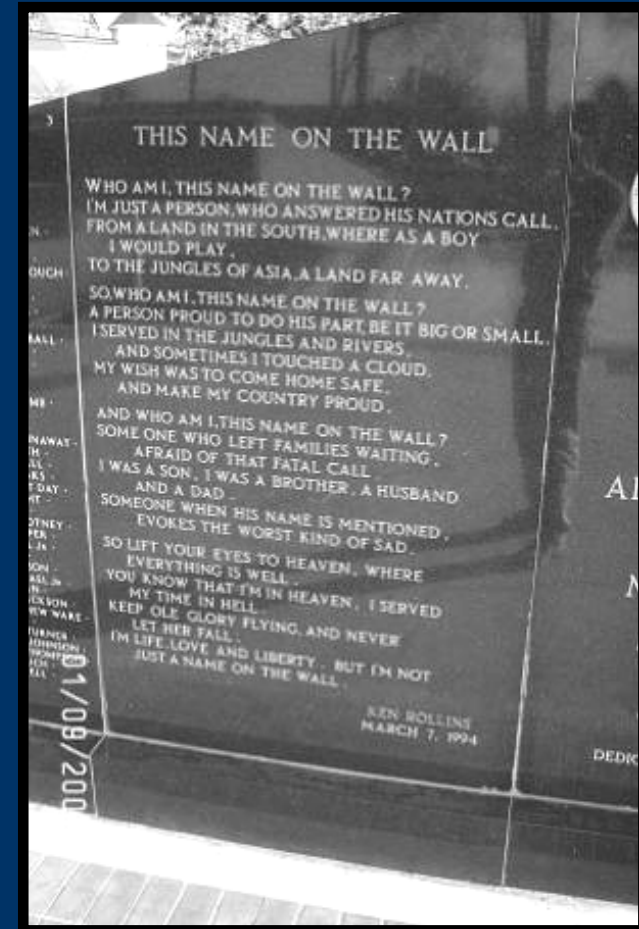
# What is a hero...who is a hero?

**he-ro:** a mythological or legendary figure of great strength or ability; a person admired for his achievement and qualities; the principal character in a literary or dramatic work; one of distinguished courage or ability, admired for brave deeds and noble qualities; an immortal being...

# Heroes include “the fallen”

From Washington to many communities, the black marble walls display the scores of Assumed heroes – the fallen in foreign wars from the Great One to the most recent.

Yes, these citizens are unquestionably heroes – for which we citizens owe an unforgettable degree of honor and appreciation...



## ...As are the returned (or returning)

Near to my own heart (and memory) is the soldier that has survived the wars – and returned (or is returning).

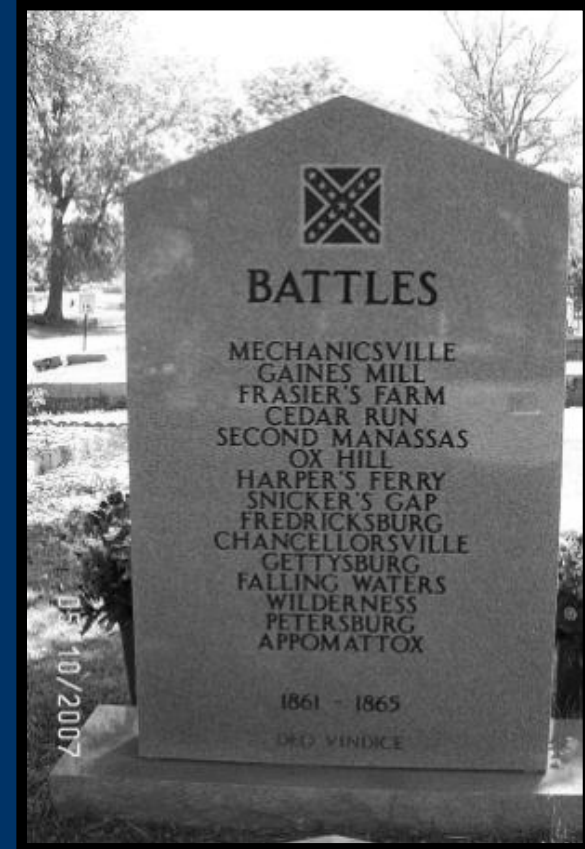
Yes, these citizens are unquestionably heroes too for they – and their families – have sacrifice much for the benefit, protection and freedom of us all – they have served their country...



## ...And then the long-interred

Many of these communities honor “the fallen” back to the Civil War and American Revolution.

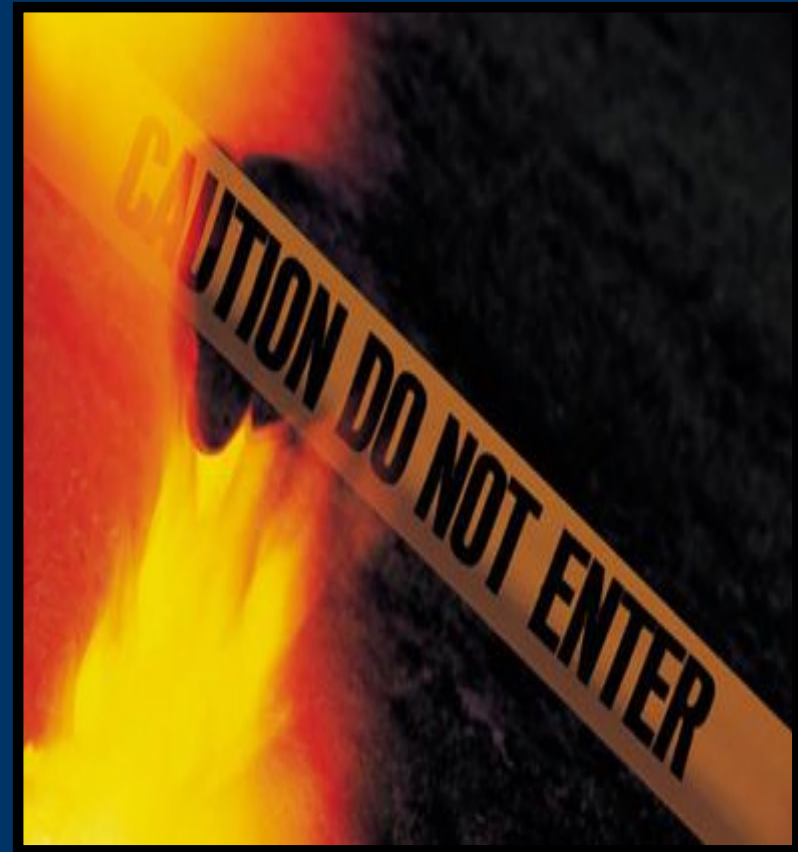
Having no real sense of the sacrifices made by soldier – and the civilians – the honor must be based on some understanding of history; but still, people suffered and died for a cause that they believed.



## ...And they that fight the burn

What person who has experienced a fire does not think about the fireman; or a dangerous situation or crime, and not the deputy; or a health problem, and not the physician?

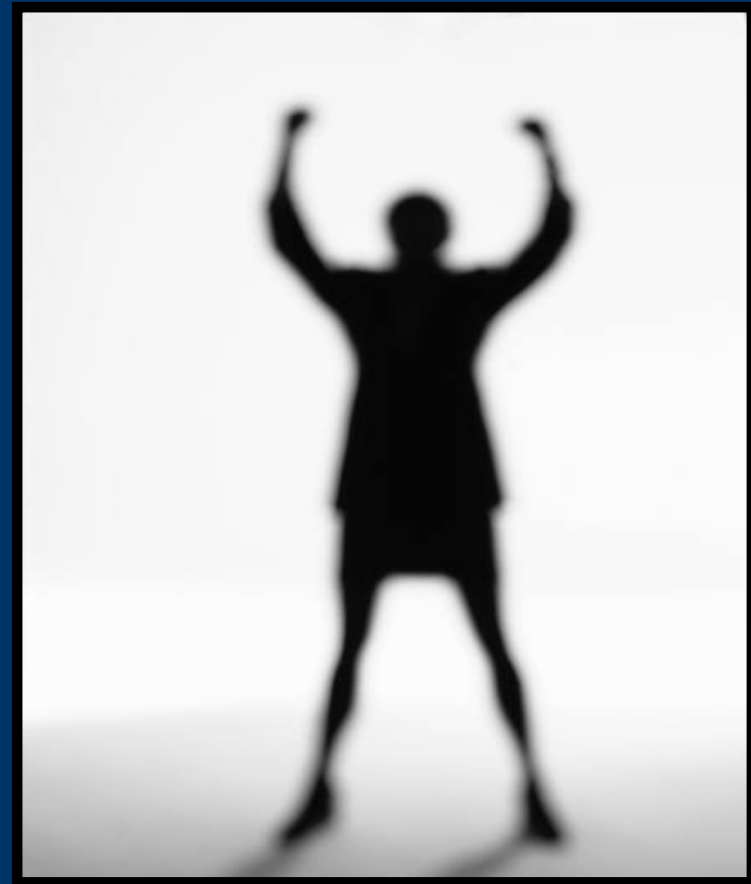
Yes, these people can be heroes too – in helping and saving lives...



## ...But are there more that abound?

Heroes may come from elsewhere, of course. The sources can be many and the degree (of heroism) varied.

Why even a child can be a hero; or what about a dog or horse? Yes, these and still more may be the Perceived heroes found...



## ...If so, where can they be found?

Finding a hero may not be an easy task or endeavor; after all, the assignment of “hero is somewhat subjective; moreover, they have to be identified in the act or practice of heroism – both of which is a tall order...much as the hero himself.



Ok, let's go find them

So begins the quest for the Perceived or Un-assumed hero; but maybe you will be surprise – even shocked – to see who qualifies...why they are heroes.

At this moment, I do not a clue as to who in one of this might be; but am stepping out of the faith that the condition and circumstance will avail for this hero to come about – to show himself worthy...