



Special Forces Association
'The Green Berets'
Chapter 90, Fredericksburg, VA



Profiles in Courage Award - Recognizing Service Above Self
"Bravery Beyond the Battlefield"

Intent: Recognize central Virginia Rappahannock regional area (Spotsylvania, Caroline, Orange, Culpeper, King George, Stafford, and Fauquier counties) individuals who performed exemplary deeds or services that enrich our community civic spirit and values. Deeds and services that can serve as an inspiration to our fellow citizens and represent the best in all of us.

What are 'Exemplary Deeds or Services?'

Obviously individuals who risked their life to save others come immediately to mind. Police, firefighters, or 1st Responders are often but not exclusively associated with these types of situations.

It can also represent instances such as the one involving Riley Howell. Riley was a 20 year old student at the Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte who on April 30, 2019 unhesitatingly rushed a campus gunman. Riley Howell was fatally wounded in the process but his actions enabled others to subdue the gunman thereby preventing an even greater loss of life.

Another example is Joe Delaney. Joe was a star professional football player who unhesitatingly leapt into a Monroe, Louisiana pond, despite not knowing how to swim himself, to rescue three young children who had fallen in. The children were saved but Joe tragically drowned.

Bravery is demonstrated in other forms as well such as moral, ethical, or spiritual courage.

Examples may include:

- A teacher who inspires, encourages, or supports their students in some extraordinary manner.
- A patient courageously battling a debilitating disease.
- A group performing some form of extraordinary community service.
- An individual contributing or leading some form of charitable cause or organization.
- An individual leading an effort resulting in improved community health, safety, or other form of quality of life enhancement.

Nominations **are not** limited to the types of actions in these examples.