



## ★ You are invited to a ★ WELCOME HOME CEREMONY

Honoring the service and sacrifice of CPL Frank Fields, USA (Ret)

## Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

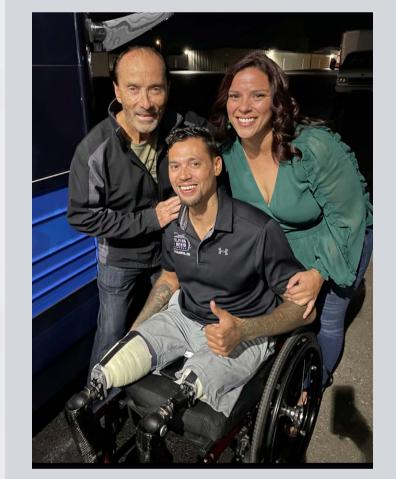
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CPL Frank Fields is a decorated wounded warrior who lost both of his legs to an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Iraq.

Frank joined the Army and deployed to Iraq in 2006. Frank had been deployed for eight months and conducted over 100 missions before getting hit by an IED. He served as a "transporter" which required him to deliver medical supplies, take prisoners to jail, and speed to get injured soldiers to the hospital, among other responsibilities. He witnessed daily explosions, many which he wished he hadn't seen. Frank was a member of an infantry unit that primarily conducted missions at night. Earlier on that fateful day, November 21, 2006, Frank and his unit met at the motor pool at the Forward Operating Base (FOB), prayed, prepped for the mission, and then went out on Route Brewers which was known for being one of the heaviest hit routes in Sadr City, Iraq. Frank was the driver in the lead HUMVEE, and they had been out on the route about 15 minutes. Without any warning, the inside of the vehicle was engulfed in fire and all three soldiers were fighting for their lives. Frank opened the door and jumped out. Moments later, he realized he had no legs to land on. His platoon sergeant came and dragged him away. Frank's weapon melted to the side of the seat.

Following his rehabilitation at BAMC, Frank began his road to recovery by facing the grief of the loss of his legs, being alone, and contemplating suicide. Fortunately, Frank made the commitment to live. Today, he is one of the top motivational speakers in the wounded warrior community.

Meeting Tawnee Gonzalez, widow of Marine Sergeant Marty Gonzalez, changed Frank's life forever. On June 15, 2023, Frank and Tawnee welcomed their son, Frankie, into this world and can't wait to raise their beautifully blended family in their new home.



"I was completely surprised to find out that Frank and Tawnee were involved. I had witnessed the courage of Tawnee coping with losing her Marine husband after 16 years. I also witnessed the strength and determination of Frank to overcome his serious injury and be a mentor for other wounded warriors. It's truly God's hand that brought them together. It's a match made in heaven."

- Lee Greenwood, March 1, 2023



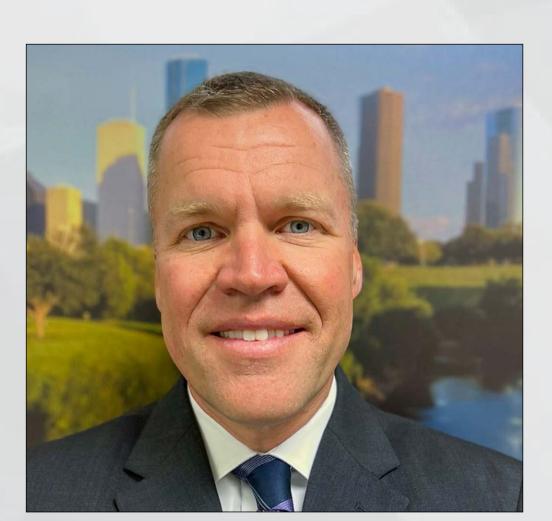




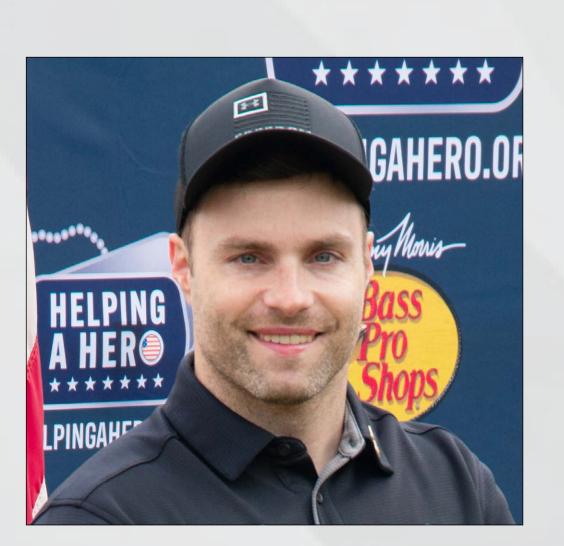
## SPECIAL GUESTS



Meredith Iler Founder, Helping a Hero Home Program



Matthew Gerdes
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Helping a Hero Home
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Mary Ann Markarian
Singer, songwriter
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