



In 2010, Sergeant Craig Grossi was doing intelligence work for Marine RECON—the most elite fighters in the Corps—in a remote part of Afghanistan. While on patrol, he spotted a young dog "with a big goofy head and little legs" who didn't seem vicious or run in a pack like most strays they'd

encountered. After eating a piece of beef jerky Craig offered—against military regulations—the dog began to follow him. A Marine yelled "Looks like you made a friend." Craig heard "Looks like a 'Fred.'" The name stuck, and a beautiful, life-changing friendship was forged. Fred not only stole Craig's heart; he won over the RECON fighters, who helped Craig smuggle the dog into heavily fortified Camp Leatherneck in a duffel bag—risking jail and Fred's life. With the help of a crew of DHL workers, a sympathetic vet, and a military dog handler, Fred eventually made it to Craig's family in Virginia. Months later, when Craig returned to the U.S., it was Fred's turn to save the wounded Marine from Post-Traumatic Stress. Today, Craig and Fred are touching lives nationwide, from a swampy campground in a Louisiana State Park to the streets of Portland, Oregon, and everywhere in between. Their inspiring tale of hope, resilience, and optimism, has a timeless message at its heart—"it is not what happens to us that matters, but how we respond to it"--Craig and Fred's story is a shining example of how the power of love can transform our hearts and our lives.

Veterans Day Memorial Service

November 11, 2020

Stephens Funeral Home, Inc.

- ~ Personalized Military Stories
- ~ Posting of Colors Emmaus Veterans Committee
- ~ "Star-Spangled Banner" Amelia Gamble and
Janice DeMatto
- ~ Pledge of Allegiance
- ~ Introduction Matthew S. Stephens
- ~ Opening Prayer Navy Chaplain
Richard Stough
- ~ A Veteran's Story
- ~ "Voices That Care" Amelia Gamble and
Janice DeMatto
- ~ Message Navy Chaplain
Richard Stough
- ~ Lord's Prayer Navy Chaplain
Richard Stough
- ~ "America (My Country,
 'Tis of Thee)" Amelia Gamble and
Janice DeMatto
- ~ Missing Man Table
- ~ TAPS Robert Sedlock, Bugler
- ~ Closing Prayer Navy Chaplain
Richard Stough
- ~ "God Bless America"
- ~ Retire of Colors Emmaus Veterans Committee

We would like to thank all who have participated in today's service "Honoring All Who Have Served."