



# 2021 LIFE CHANGING EFFORTS!

*Bryce Cherryholmes, Staff Sergeant, USMC (Ret.) demonstrating the SoldierSuit!*



## STRONGTIMES

*A quarterly newsletter with life-changing impact.*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN/FOUNDER



Your support of our efforts is reflective in all that we were able to accomplish in 2021! You can read more about that in the following pages of this edition of SoldierStrong's StrongTimes.

Bryce Cherryholmes, featured in the photo above, is one of the veterans we ask from time to time to come to events and demonstrate the SoldierSuit and share with guests the impact it has had on his and his family's life.

Bryce is truly an amazing person. He is the epitome of an American soldier and with that comes an incredible amount of courage, strength and sheer determination that makes his journey and attitude so awe inspiring. We are honored to know him, as well as the other wonderful veterans that work with us, to have them help us communicate the life changing importance of our mission.

As we continue to receive feedback from the veterans that use the technology and therapy we donate, we become even more determined to do more and to make a bigger impact! We can feel our momentum building with each year. We thank you for being part of the SoldierStrong team! We hope you enjoy reading this issue of StrongTimes and seeing how your support is making a tremendous impact throughout our nation.

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# EVENTS ★★★★★

Throughout 2021 we were blessed to have friends open their homes and invite their friends to come and learn about SoldierStrong's mission. One of these events not only resulted in a SoldierSuit donation, but it also resulted in two incredible individuals, State Committee woman Michele Merrill and State Committeeman Richard DeNapoli, organizing a 300 person event to benefit SoldierStrong. That event was also a great financial success and even resulted in the singer for the evening, Glenn Baker, to be so inspired after seeing the SoldierSuit demonstration, he wrote a song called, "SoldierStrong." So when you start hearing that song on the radio - you'll know how it originated!

We don't take these blessings or your generosity for granted. We are especially thankful to our veterans, their families, our hosts and to all of the guests that participated in these events to make them the successes that they were!

## MARCH 11, 2021 – PALM BEACH, FL, PRIVATE HOME EVENT



A special thanks to Bryce and Kalyn Cherryholmes for being a part of this event and to Linda and Ken Koldenhoven for opening up their beautiful home to us!

*Bryce talking to guests about how the SoldierSuit allows him to everyday things, such as reaching for a glass out of the cupboard. Being able to participate in normal every day activities has enormous emotional and physical benefits. Bryce brilliantly shared with guests and left us all with a very real appreciation for the daily challenges of living with spinal cord injuries and a deep admiration for his determination to live life to the fullest.*

## MAY 21, 2021 – FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, PATRIOT DINNER AT THE SIGNATURE GRAND

Special thanks to Michele Merrill and Richard DeNapoli for all their hard work to create such a wonderful evening allowing the SoldierStrong mission to be featured and supported. Also, we need to thank Bryce and Kalyn again for being a part of this event - especially because it was their 11 year wedding anniversary, which they graciously celebrated with us!



*Bryce standing after doing a lap around the grand ballroom to surprise Kalyn on stage with beautiful anniversary flowers and a heartwarming speech. This was an incredible moment that we were all touched to witness.*



*From left to right: Kimberly Moros, Lisa Rowan, Kalyn and Bryce Cherryholmes, General Michael Flynn, Michele Merrill, Richard DeNapoli, Chris Meek*

## JUNE 23, 2021 – DALLAS, TX, PRIVATE HOME EVENT

Special thanks to Susie and Jerry Wilson for opening up their gorgeous home to us! Also, a big thank you to Steve Holbert for being with us to demo the SoldierSuit and to Eddie Beesley for being with us to demo the iBOT® personal mobility device. This was a very special evening where Eddie shared with us that one of the best things about the iBOT® was it allowed him to dance with his wife again and then he did a little demonstration. It was a beautiful sight watching them dance together! As was, watching Steve demonstrate the SoldierSuit and share the various ways it has positively impacted his life both emotional and physically. We are grateful for both Steve and Eddie's wives, Teresa Holbert and Connie Beesley, for being a part of this event!

*Eddie Beesley, Corporal, USMC (Ret.)  
demonstration iBOT® personal  
mobility device*



*Steve Holbert, USMC (Ret.)  
demonstrating the SoldierSuit.*

## DECEMBER 7, 2021 ORLANDO, FL. PRIVATE HOME EVENT

Special thanks to Linda and Ken Koldenhoven, who are generously hosting their 2nd event for us. Also, deep gratitude to Opera Orlando for partnering with us to create a very special evening!

This event will feature not only the demonstration of our SoldierSuit, but an extraordinary performance by Gabriel Preisser, who is a Grammy Award Winning Baritone from Opera Orlando who will perform special selections honoring those who have served our great country.



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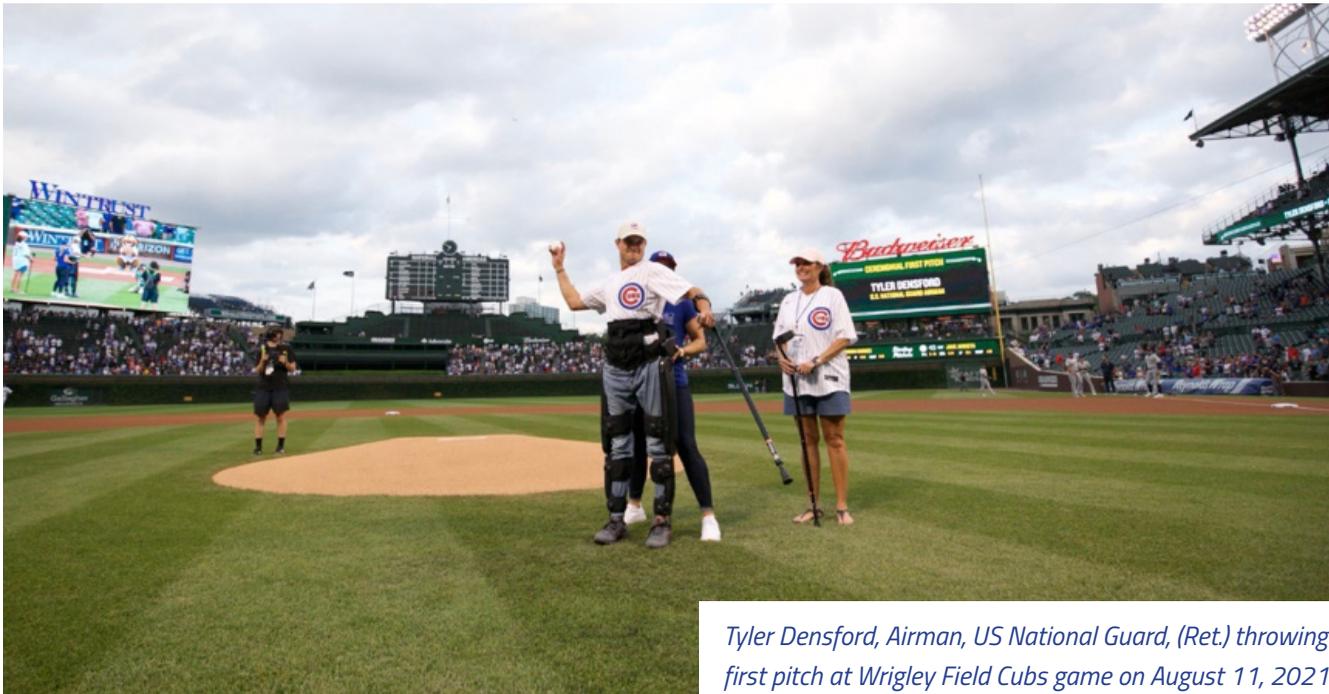
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HOST AN EVENT FOR SOLDIERSTRONG?**

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# 2021 DONATIONS ★★★★★

## AUGUST 11, 2021: SOLDIERSTRONG DONATES SOLDIERSUIT TO RETIRED AIRFORCE VETERAN, TYLER DENSFORD



*Tyler Densford, Airman, US National Guard, (Ret.) throwing first pitch at Wrigley Field Cubs game on August 11, 2021.*

Thanks to the generous donation from Sylvie and Todd Ricketts, SoldierStrong was able to present this donation to Tyler on August 11th at the Cubs game against the Milwaukee Brewers. It was an emotional night and when it was over, Tyler shared with us, *"It was the best night of my life and one I will never forget."*



## SOLDIERSUIT

**4 SOLDIERSUIT DONATIONS MADE IN 2021!**

***TOTAL of "29 SoldierSuits"  
Donated-To-Date thanks  
to your support!***

- New Orleans, LA
- OKC, OK
- Olive Branch, MS
- Long Beach, CA or Minneapolis, MN





# BRAVEMIND

## 4 BRAVEMIND DONATIONS MADE IN 2021!

**TOTAL of "18 BraveMind VR Systems" Donated-To-Date thanks to your support!**

- Bozeman, MT
- Iron Mountain, MI
- Richmond, VA
- West Los Angeles, CA



## IBOT®

This is our newest program and we hope to make 2 donations before the end of the year!

The cost of the iBOT® personal mobility device is \$35,000. This is expensive technology, but it is a **remarkable and life changing!** It literally **removes boundaries** so our nations heroes can enjoy the things that many of us take for granted every day. Things like going to the beach, taking your dog for a stroll, enjoying time in the city and the list goes on!

**As you know, life changing solutions is what drives SoldierStrong!**

We would love nothing more than to present these two amazing veterans with such a wonderful Christmas gift from SoldierStrong, so if you can send us a donation today to help make this a reality, please do. Stay tuned as we hope to be able to report in our next newsletter that this mission was accomplished!

**Dramatization Only.** The iBOT® PMD must be occupied in 4-wheel, Stair, and Balance modes.



# STRONGTIMES HIGHLIGHTS ★★★★★

## OPERATION MOBILITY



*The Operation Mobility Tour was a national tour hosted by SoldierStrong and Mobius Mobility to donate 10 iBOT® personal mobility devices (PMD) to 10 very deserving veterans.*

The tour included a large bus with prominent displays for millions of Americans to see as it drove across the country to deliver the iBOT® PMD to each veteran. The first ceremony started in Boston, MA and traveled west stopping in over 20 states and ended in Syracuse NY.



## SWEET LAND *of* LIBERTY

New Date Announcing Soon!

### UPCOMING "SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY" GALA

We have unfortunately had to move the Gala date a few times due to COVID concerns. We hope to have a new date secured sometime soon. We are looking forward to having this Gala and have an incredible evening planned, complete with a one of a kind "Couture Fashion Show," featuring designs by the incredible Anthony Vecchione. Stay tuned!

### NEXT STEPS FORWARD WITH CHRIS MEEK

Every week I host a weekly podcast, Tuesday at 1pm ET on VoiceAmerica called "Next Steps Forward with Chris Meek." It's an uplifting hour where my prominent and inspirational guests focus on personal empowerment, commitment to overall well-being and the motivation to achieve more than we ever thought possible in order to better our lives. A small sampling of guests can be seen below.



*The podcast airs live every Tuesday at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT.  
PLEASE JOIN US!*

# SOLDIERSTRONG PARTNERS

*We recognize that we could not fully accomplish our mission without the help of our current partners below:*

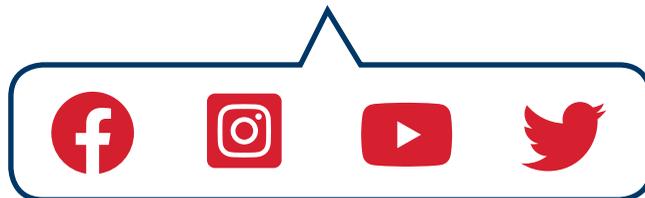


## BECOME A PARTNER OR CORPORATE SPONSOR

In the past ten years we have accomplished much thanks to the support of our partners, corporate sponsors and thousands of Americans that believe our veterans deserve the best medical care there is to offer. SoldierStrong is committed to providing America's heroes with the equipment and therapy they desperately need and deserve.

We are actively seeking new partnerships and would love to speak to you!

*You can also help us expand our efforts by simply following us on social media and sharing with your family and friends!*



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