

SoldierStrong

A Fall of Heroism and Hope

StrongTimes

A quarterly newsletter with life-changing impact.

Volume IX, No. 3, 2026

Inside this Issue

Pg. 2 Community Events Benefiting SoldierStrong

Pg. 3 Revolutionary Technology Donations to Veterans

Pg. 4 SoldierStrong in the Spotlight



A Message From Dr. Chris Meek

As the leaves turn and we approach the Thanksgiving season, I am reflecting on all that this community has made possible this fall.

This September marked 25 years since the attacks of September 11, 2001. As someone who was at Ground Zero that day, I was humbled to premiere *The Heroism and Resiliency of 9/11: From Tragedy to Triumph* in New York City, produced in association with SoldierStrong, to honor the courage and unity that rose from that tragedy.

This quarter, we donated our 35th BraveMind virtual reality system to the El Paso VA Health Care System, serving more than 44,000 veterans across Southwest Texas and southern New Mexico. We are also grateful to Multistack for another successful Charity Golf Classic, to Alfalfa Farm Cellars for hosting our first Heroes on the Hill event, and to Patriot Mobile for carrying our mission onto Ty Dillon's No. 10 car in the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

As Giving Tuesday approaches, I invite you to join us. Together, we can help our nation's heroes stand taller, walk farther, and move forward with purpose.

God bless,

Dr. Chris Meek, Co-Founder and Chairman

PARALYZED MARINE VETERAN STANDS AND WALKS AT ENJOY ILLINOIS 300 AS PATRIOT MOBILE PUTS SOLDIERSTRONG ON TY DILLON'S NO. 10



SoldierStrong took its mission to the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs on Sunday, September 13. The SoldierStrong logo rode on Ty Dillon's No. 10 Kaulig Racing entry in the Enjoy Illinois 300 presented by TicketSmarter, at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois. Patriot Mobile, a longtime supporter, donated the placement.

Before the race, Retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Bryce Cherryholmes, a SoldierStrong Ambassador, showed Dillon and the Kaulig Racing team the SoldierSuit, the wearable robotic exoskeleton that lets him stand and walk. Cherryholmes served eight years in the Marine Corps, deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. Complications from spinal surgery left him paralyzed, and he was told he had a 5% chance of walking again.

"I've done this in arenas and ballparks, but a NASCAR garage is something else," said Cherryholmes.

Patriot Mobile was named SoldierStrong's 2025 Corporate Recipient of the Annual Commitment to Service Award, and we remain grateful for Patriot Mobile's continued support this year.

MULTISTACK HOSTS 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC TO BENEFIT SOLDIERSTRONG

Multistack hosted its 12th annual Charity Golf Classic on Monday, August 10, at the La Crosse Country Club in Onalaska, Wisconsin. Golfers played a four-person scramble, followed by dinner and an auction. The event raised funds for SoldierStrong and our friends at the Oscar Mike Foundation.

Sgt. Dan Rose, the first recipient of a SoldierSuit donated by SoldierStrong and a Wisconsin native, demonstrated how he walks despite paralysis with the SoldierSuit to more than 175 attendees from across the United States and Canada.

"Year after year, Multistack shows what it truly means to stand with our nation's veterans," said Dr. Chris Meek, SoldierStrong co-founder and chairman. "We are deeply grateful to the entire Multistack team and to every golfer and sponsor who joined us in La Crosse, because their generosity helps veterans stand, walk, and heal again."



SOLDIERSTRONG DONATES 35TH BRAVEMIND VIRTUAL REALITY SYSTEM TO EL PASO VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



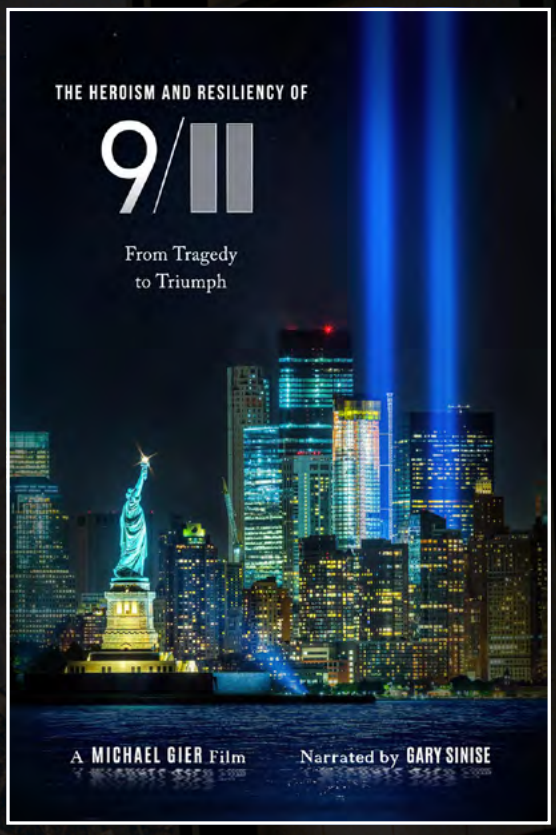
SoldierStrong is proud to announce the donation of its 35th BraveMind virtual reality system to the El Paso VA Health Care System, which serves more than 44,000 veterans across Southwest Texas and southern New Mexico.

Developed by Dr. Albert "Skip" Rizzo and his team at the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies, BraveMind helps clinicians treat post-9/11 veterans living with post-traumatic stress (PTS). Therapists tailor immersive combat scenarios to each veteran's experience, so veterans can revisit difficult memories at a pace they can manage.

With the United States losing an average of 17 veterans a day to suicide, expanding access to evidence-based mental health care has never been more urgent.

"Reaching 35 BraveMind systems is a milestone, but every one of those numbers represents a community of veterans who now have access to care they didn't have before," said Dr. Chris Meek, co-founder and chairman of SoldierStrong.

THE HEROISM AND RESILIENCY OF 9/11 PREMIERES IN NEW YORK CITY



Ahead of the 25th observance of September 11, *The Heroism and Resiliency of 9/11: From Tragedy to Triumph* held its New York premiere on Tuesday, September 8, at the AMC Empire 25 in Times Square. The evening of remembrance and gratitude honored first responders and the stories of heroism, resiliency and unity featured in the film. Following the screening, former White House Chief of Staff Andy Card, former White House Photographer Eric Draper and retired NYPD Detective Scott Strauss, among others, took part in a Q&A with the audience.

Narrated by Gary Sinise and directed by award-winning filmmaker Michael Gier, the documentary was produced by Gier Productions in collaboration with SoldierStrong and The 9/11 Legacy Foundation. Dr. Chris Meek served as executive producer. The film tells 9/11 through first responders, survivors, national leaders and everyday Americans, from the World Trade Center to the Pentagon and Flight 93. It has earned five Best Documentary honors.

The film is now streaming on **Amazon Prime Video**, **Apple TV**, **Google TV** and **YouTube**. Learn more at **The911Film.com**.

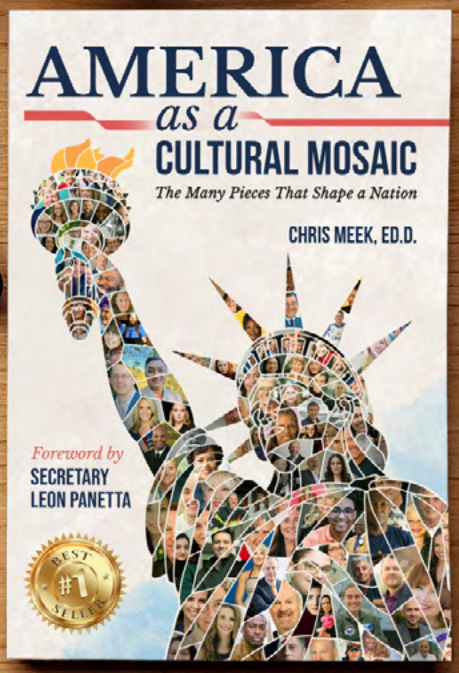
ALFALFA FARM CELLARS HOSTS INAUGURAL HEROES ON THE HILL TO BENEFIT SOLDIERSTRONG

On Saturday, October 17, Alfalfa Farm Cellars in Topsfield, Massachusetts, partnered with SoldierStrong to host the first Heroes on the Hill. The afternoon fundraiser brought together military members, veterans, their families, and the community on one of the North Shore's newest farm destinations, home to a farm brewery, winery and distillery.



Guests heard from U.S. Navy veteran and SoldierStrong Ambassador Laura Cowen, who shared how the SoldierSuit has changed her life. She also spoke about SoldierStrong's mission to bring this technology to even more veterans who need and deserve it.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support SoldierStrong's mission. We are grateful to Alfalfa Farm Cellars for opening its doors to our nation's heroes, and we look forward to making Heroes on the Hill a lasting tradition.



BUY NOW

PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF AMERICA AS A CULTURAL MOSAIC TODAY

SoldierStrong co-founder and chairman Dr. Chris Meek released his fourth book, *America as a Cultural Mosaic: The Many Pieces That Shape a Nation*, on November 5. It quickly became an Amazon #1 bestseller!

The book carries a foreword by former Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Leon Panetta. It argues that America's strength comes not from uniformity, but from people of different backgrounds committing to shared civic ideals. Written in the year the nation marked its 250th anniversary and the 25th observance of September 11, it explores polarization, historical truth, the lessons of September 12, and how Americans can find common ground.

America as a Cultural Mosaic is available on Amazon in paperback, hardcover and e-book.

> ***"America is strongest not when everyone becomes the same, but when different people commit to shared ideals."***
>
> *- Dr. Chris Meek, Co-Founder and Chairman, SoldierStrong*

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR VETERANS THIS GIVING TUESDAY WITH PATRIOT MOBILE

This Giving Tuesday, December 1, every gift to SoldierStrong will be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to Patriot Mobile, until the match is met.

Double your impact for veterans:

- $75 becomes $150: One hour of exoskeleton therapy
- $250 becomes $500: One day of exoskeleton therapy
- $2,500 becomes $5,000: One month of exoskeleton therapy

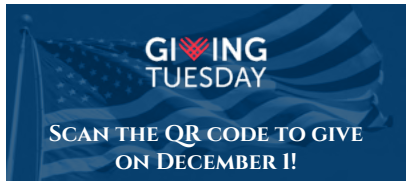
"Business should be a force for good, and SoldierStrong is an example of how much good can be done when we unite purpose with passion."

- Glenn Story, Founder & CEO of Patriot Mobile

Your generosity helps veterans regain mobility through SoldierSuit, heal from post-traumatic stress through BraveMind, and pursue higher education through SoldierScholar.

Support veterans year-round by switching to Patriot Mobile with promo code SOLDIERSTRONG. Get your first month free while a portion of your monthly bill supports SoldierStrong.

Learn more at PatriotMobile.com/SoldierStrong.



Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek

Join SoldierStrong co-founder and chairman Dr. Chris Meek for his weekly podcast every Tuesday at 1 PM ET/10 AM PT for an uplifting hour focused on personal empowerment, commitment to overall wellbeing and motivation to achieve more than you ever thought possible.

In 2020, Chris began hosting *Next Steps Forward with Dr. Chris Meek* via the VoiceAmerica Talk Radio Network, the industry's leading producer and online broadcaster of on-demand talk radio programming. *Next Steps Forward* hosts leaders from the worlds of business, sports, entertainment, medicine and politics to engage thought-provoking discussion to help us all take the next steps forward in our journey to better ourselves.



Join us every Tuesday at 1 PM ET
Learn More at NextStepsForward.com

SCAN TO VISIT SITE

SoldierStrong Partners

Support SoldierStrong Today!

Your donation or partnership holds the power to catalyze change. By donating to SoldierStrong you become a partner in our mission to help change the lives of our veterans and help them take their Next Steps Forward.

Ready to take action?
Here is how you can make a difference:

- Go to SoldierStrong.org to make a donation today
- Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), a tax-smart way to give directly to SoldierStrong
- Host a fundraising event which benefits SoldierStrong. Contact events@soldierstrong.org to get started
- Include SoldierStrong in your will or living trust
- Create a Facebook fundraising event for SoldierStrong
- To make an in-kind donation, set up a matching gifts program, or to request more information, contact SoldierStrong via email at info@soldierstrong.org or call us at 888-898-3235
- Thank you for considering SoldierStrong. Your donation will positively impact the lives of our veterans. Please donate today!

SoldierStrong Partners

As our mission evolves to meet the ever-changing needs of the community we serve, we recognize that we could not fully accomplish our mission without the help of our current partners below:

United Rentals, eksoBIONICS, HARMAN A SAMSUNG COMPANY, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elvis Duran and the Morning Show, S&P Global, Honor ★ Respect, Multistack, Total, General Dynamics Mission Systems, Graham & Courtney Rahal Foundation, William Dean III Charitable Foundation, GE Foundation, Patriot Mobile Mobilizing Freedom, DVNF Disabled Veterans National Foundation, County Materials Corporation, Fleet Cost & Care Fleet Management Software Solutions, horizonmedia, Honeywell, OHT Operation Hat Trick

Become A Partner or Corporate Sponsor

In the past fifteen years, we have accomplished so 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 technology and therapy they desperately need and deserve. We are actively seeking new partnerships and would love to speak with you about partnership opportunities!

Learn More: SoldierStrong.org | *Call:* 888.898.3235 | *Email:* info@soldierstrong.org