



★ You are invited to a ★ GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Honoring the service and sacrifice of
CPL Nick Clark, USA (Ret)

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 11:00am

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Corporal Nick Clark is married with two young children. After losing his leg and struggling with other injuries including limb salvage, burns, substantial shrapnel, lung and throat damage, and degeneration of the spine, which requires him to be off of his prosthesis and in a wheelchair much of the time, Nick decided he would return to a healthy and active lifestyle and live every day to its fullest. His current home makes being in his wheelchair an impossibility, so he often finds himself hopping around on his "good" leg or using crutches, which takes an even greater toll on his body.

Nick grew up in a military family with an incredible legacy, as both of his grandfathers served in the Army - one in World War II and the other in Korea. Nick was working in the commercial fishing industry in Alaska when 9-11 occurred. He decided then to quit his job and joined the Army to defend America and the lives lost on September 11th. He volunteered as an Airborne Infantry soldier with the 173rd Airborne. On June 2, 2007 while deployed in Gowerdesh, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan, his unit was ambushed while conducting convoy operations high in the mountains near the border of Pakistan. Nick was a .50 caliber machine gunner in the lead vehicle and standing in the turret when his Humvee was hit with at least five RPGs (Rocket Propelled Grenades) and small arms fire. While his vehicle was engulfed in flames, the ammunition inside began exploding and everyone evacuated. As Nick tried to exit his Humvee he realized his legs were terribly wounded and he was unable to walk. He was able to make it halfway to the second vehicle where he collapsed due to blood loss. When his friend and roommate Jacob Lowell (3rd vehicle) saw that Nick was still alive, under fire and unable to move, he gave his life while returning fire so another soldier could reach Nick and drag him to safety. Nick and his best friend CPL Frank Fields, USA (Ret) have shared similar jounries including recovering at the Center For the Intrepid at BAMC where they both learned to walk again. He and Frank love to hunt and fish, and prove that being an amputee doesn't have to keep you from enjoying the outdoors. He has found a new calling in supporting kids with amputations and limb differences, and enjoys visiting them at the Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. Nick will tell you that when you have faced death and lost someone close to you in combat, you appreciate God's grace and look for the beauty in everything. His best advice is to make every day count!



Johnny Morris, CPL Nick and Kristen Clark, Brock Bayles, Kim and Lee Greenwood



SPECIAL GUESTS



Dawn Buckingham
Texas Land Commissioner



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