

War Hero

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Jesus (Luke 14:11)

During a radio interview with a right wing talking head, Trump said that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “is a war hero, because we worked together. He’s a war hero. I guess I am too. Nobody cares, but I am too. I sent those planes.” Trump did not think to honor the crews who had actually flown the missions as war heroes, hogging all the credit for himself.

You could almost hear Mae West laughing from her grave, reminding Trump that if you have to tell people you’re beautiful, you’re not.

You could almost see the late Senator and combat veteran John McCain giving Trump a thumbs down, telling him that he does not have what it takes to be a warrior, much less to be a war hero.

You could almost feel the outrage of genuine war heroes buried at Arlington and Omaha Beach and thousands of other military cemeteries around the world where real warriors, the soldiers Trump has referred to as suckers and losers, as they rolled over in their final resting places.

You could almost hear the indignation of soldiers at the Center for the Intrepid and the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in San Antonio being treated for very real war injuries, not faked bone spurs, the wounded warriors Trump had instructed his staff to never allow to be visible at his events.

You could almost feel Trump’s slap in the face to the millions of active duty, reservist, and National Guard soldiers who, unlike draft-dodging Corporal Bonespur, are willing to go into harm’s way in the defense of our nation.

You could almost feel the fury of the millions of U.S. Veterans who *did* serve in uniform and never – NEVER – presumed to call themselves war heroes.

And I could almost see my late father, a career U.S. Air Force officer and Vietnam Veteran, and one of the last honorable Republicans, shaking his head in disgust at the vacuity of this pathetic creature calling himself a war hero.



Knowing that Congress would never award him the Congressional Medal of Honor, Donald Trump created a new Presidential Medal of Honor and made himself the first honoree