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Michael Reagan (no relation to President Reagan). Vietnam Combat Veteran, portrait artist, a man with a mission, and not from any of us. Two scriptural references came to mind as I watched the video of Michael speaking at the 7th of February Rotary International meeting in Seattle. Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NLT) and Romans 8:28-29: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (NLT)Here is a story of a man, who, a few years ago, retired from his business in order that he could draw portraits of those who have fallen in the GWoT. Why? Watch the video, he explains it best. He didn't know why at first, but the message seems to have been clarified now in the 550 (as of the morning of 2/7/2007) portraits he has completed. 2 a day and he is very good at what he does.

Humble, too (watch the video) If you haven't watched the video yet, here's a teaser as to how he got started on this path"

"I found myself coming back from Vietnam, and I had a hard time for a few years just being able to feel. Took a lot of work by a lot of my friends, my wife, and a lot of people who loved me to allow me to reach this stage, where I could actually feel.

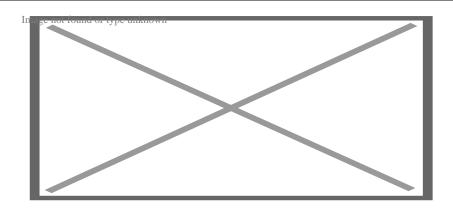
"Evening Magazine two years ago decided to do a little piece on all the celebrity portraits that I had done. We did a little five minute piece, it was called "Miller Time"...

"At the end of it, I said something to John Miller. I said, "You know, I've drawn the Pope, six presidents, and 137 Playboy playmates." John said to me, he said, "I guess that about does it all for you." And I said "Yep. That was it."

"That piece made it into the Evening Magazine piece. I believe that piece is why then – the next day it was distributed around the country – I believe that that comment is why I'm standing up here today.

"Two days after that piece aired across the country I got a call from a young woman in Boise, Idaho. Her name was Cherice Johnson. She said to me, "How much would you charge me to do a portrait of my husband?"

Not so strange to me any more, that people "back into" such callings, not even realizing at the time, how their life has prepared them for such a time as this. This is but one more story, full of an invisible design for the life of Michael Reagan.



Micheal has set up the <u>Fallen Heros Project</u> as a non-profit organization. Donations can be made to support him in his work. Thank God for a man of such talent to bring solace to the families who have paid the price of freedom for many, our citizens and others of the world. Please pass the story along, it's one worth reading. H/T: <u>Mudville Gazette</u>

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