

BILLY HOLCOMB 1069 SALUTES OUR VETERANS

You may be wondering why your wristband says Max Soviak, United States Navy, 08-26-21, Afghanistan. May God bless Max!

A few days after our summer 2021 Vituscan trip, this brave Navy Corpsman died with 12 other service members in a suicide bombing at Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan. This evil attack targeted women and children who were frantically trying to evacuate the airport, and caused the death of 183 people. This was the highest single day ground death toll during the 10-year Afghanistan campaign. It was widely reported that 13

Marines died, as the media were not originally aware that one of the 13 was an Army Soldier and another a Navy Corpsman from Camp Pendleton, assigned to Ghost Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division.



Maxton Soviak was described as a hard charger and fondly referred to by the Marines he lived and worked with as Doc. He was in a place of safety when 'Corpsman up!' was called. Max immediately responded and was providing aid to an injured child when the bomber ran up and detonated his explosive device. Max was killed instantly. In a strange twist, one week earlier his parents started the process of adopting an orphaned Afghan

child that Max had been photographed holding during an airborne rescue. This famous photo gained worldwide recognition, but to Max, he was simply doing his duty. ECV Billy Holcomb salutes Max and all US servicemembers.

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