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HANDS-ON PERIENCES OR JOB READINESS

Dear Walking Tall,

"Over the years, I have met many different people from many different backgrounds, and none of them can compare to the family I have at Walking Tall. While on my mission to join the United States Naval Academy, I learned so many important life lessons that I can only attribute to the kindness and mentorship of WT mentors. I want to formally thank you, Tom and Judy Smurzynski, for being the most fantastic role models to me. You don't understand how much this organization means to me.





To all young men joining, thinking about joining, or enrolled to join, pay close attention to how good these people are. I mean, look at me! These people changed me from a boy and turned me into a man. They can, and will, do the same to you. I was one of the lucky ones who got to envelop myself in the joy and care of these people.

Tom and Judy,

Thank you for being such a big part of my life. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't be where I am today. You guys have been an inspiration to me from the very beginning, and I love you both so much.

Walking Tall will always be in my heart and soul, and while I'm flying planes, I'll be thinking of all of you." God Bless All of You,

Martin

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When Martin's storm of life came upon him, through wrong choices, the loss of his grandfather, a few failures, and disappointment like we all suffer at some points in life, he ultimately rose above them and rode the winds of the storm like the eagle. We love you too, Martin!

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31

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