

## LCP Michael Jernigan, Appears In Film



Jernigan with his mom, fiancé Leslie, her son and a very faithful guide dog.

By Phillip Meskin

Michael Jernigan is a Saint Petersburg resident who went off to Iraq and came back changed. Actually he came back blind, but only in the physical sense. As a Marine he still believes that what our Military is doing in Middle East is for the right reasons.

Jernigan appeared in the HBO documentary, *Alive Day Memories*. Along with others in the film, their *Alive Day* was the day they survived death.

The interview part of the film is shot in a studio type setting but the additional footage of the terrible tragedies that befell those in the film, is from home movies. The conversations are real and raw and very emotional. Not only for those who were maimed, but for their family, friends and even those who were at the Saint Petersburg's Mahaffey Theater on September 7<sup>th</sup>, for the pre-screening. The documentary aired nationwide on HBO, Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

When you visit our web site, on the Front Page, right under the Masthead is an 'Events' drop down box, click on "Alive Day". We have over 60 photos of the day's activities, including the Color Guard from the 4<sup>th</sup> Amphibious Assault Bn, USMC.

Jernigan has a total of eight glass eyes, for his right eye, but if you Marines out there want to see something really wonderful, you will just have to go to the web site to see it.

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### Observer says the Pentagon 'stiff-arms' Christians while endorsing Muslims

A Pentagon advisor and national defense analyst says it's hypocritical for the Pentagon Inspector General's office to find four generals guilty of misconduct for endorsing a Christian ministry, while saying nothing about military officials who tacitly endorse Islam.

### Court: When In Doubt, Give Veterans The Benefit

When in doubt, tilt toward the Veteran.

That's what the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has suggested to government agencies in two cases involving federal employees who had served in the military reserves and petitioned for back pay because of improperly charged military leave.

The government has long encouraged civil service employees to join the National Guard and reserves, providing them with 15 days of leave for their annual military training. But agencies have not consistently interpreted the benefit, creating a muddle for judges and federal officials.

**Clerk's Note:** Wow that is great. The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has suggested we follow the law that has been on the books since Eisenhower was a Private. How about if that court gave us a ruling to make the VA & DoD obey the law?

### At Least The Uniforms Are Free

Air Reserve technicians opposed to a new policy requiring them to wear their uniform even while in civilian status may at least draw some satisfaction from knowing they won't have to buy the uniforms.

Air Force Reserve Command director Lt. Gen. John Bradley, the prime mover behind the policy change that has drawn criticism from many citizen-airmen, said that part of the change includes issuing the airmen the same supply of utility uniforms that the active-duty force receives. "Now they don't have to buy civilian clothes to wear to work, so actually I think I'm saving them money," Bradley said.

Many Air Reserve technicians responding to the change announced in April had argued that if they must wear uniforms all the time as their active-duty counterparts do, they should also get other active-duty benefits, such as health care and pay. But Bradley's comments suggest that's not likely. "The only way to get active-duty benefits is to be on active duty," he said.

### Blind Vietnam Veteran Beats Assailant After Wife, Mother Killed

A blind Vietnam Veteran disarmed and severely beat a man who had just gunned down the former Marine's wife, mother and sister-in-law.

Police said that the shootings in an upscale home near the University of Oklahoma in Norman were triggered by a domestic dispute.

After the gunman fired shotgun blasts that killed the three women, Joseph Brent Link injured him so badly in the face and the head that police have not been able to interview him.

The injured man, described by police only as Link's 50-year-old brother-in-law, remains hospitalized in critical condition.

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