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I have in my hand a business card. It looks like any other but the name on it is Jack Lucas. I was given the card today at his funeral. It's a normal looking card for a quite different man.

At 17, Jack Lucas was the youngest man ever to receive the Medal of Honor. He lied about his age and entered the Army at 14. He was found out, sent home and he re-enlisted in the Marines.

He went AWOL when he left his assigned ship to sneak on another...a ship going to Iwo Jima. He wanted to get in the battle. He was in close battle when some Japanese soldiers threw two hand grenades. One did not explode but the one he covered with his body to protect his fellow soldiers did. He lived but had 26 operations and nearly died on one occasion.

According to fellow Marines, Jack was a Marine's Marine. He was honored at the service by two Marine generals, one the Commandant of the Marine Corp.

For me it was an honor to ride with the Patriot Guard Riders as we escorted his body from the funeral home to the Convention Center where the service was held, and then to the grave site. We had about 100 bikers in the escort.

Heroes are hard to find these days. We owe a debt of gratitude to all our soldiers who have served their country and who are serving their country. It makes Vivian and me very proud that our grandson, Tyler, is serving in the U.S. Army.

Blessings and pray for our troops.

Rod