

# Daily View

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13*

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## “Thank you for your service...”

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

I Peter 4:10-11

As I reported on Monday, Air Force Master Sergeant Trey Cain is on his way to Kuwait. He left for the airport at 4 AM this morning (Wednesday). I have some things to say about my favorite son-in-law but I had to wait until he left so I didn’t embarrass him. I don’t know anyone who seeks the limelight less than Trey Cain. He definitely prefers to live under the radar, as we say.



Somewhere in Iraq, with some local kids

This will be Trey’s fourth deployment. His first was to Iraq in 1990 for Desert Storm (he was a tank driver). Later, he was sent to Iraq again and then to Afghanistan. The first two deployments were with the Army and the last two with the Air Force.

Whenever I hear the common saying, “thank you for your service,” applied to men in the military, I think of two people first: my father and Trey. As I’ve mentioned before, my father served in WWII but dramatically played down his role in that war. We only found out what he did after he passed away; we could never get him to tell us much while he was living.

Trey reminds me of my dad in that regard; he never talks about his experience in combat and it’s not just because he’s a man of few words. I’m sure he has some stories to tell, but he’s not the kind of guy to talk about it. He’s a “servant” in the best sense of the word. At home, he just does what needs to be done and if someone needs something, he’s

always ready to help. Most of what he does, as a father, a husband and deacon is behind the scenes.

Trey is so quiet, it’s easy to miss the fact that he has outstanding leadership qualities. Both the Army and the Air Force have recognized this. Note this description of a Master Sergeant, from [military-ranks.org](http://military-ranks.org):

The promotion to Master Sergeant is known as one of the most significant promotions in the Air Force, and it is the point where an airman enters the senior Non-Commissioned Officer tier. A Master Sergeant should have very developed leadership skills as well as attention to detail. They are the go-to person for both officers and enlisted.



Return from Iraq, November, 2004

Whether we are in a leadership role or not, all Christians are called to serve — that’s our vocation, our role in this world. There are many ways to do that. I love the passage quoted above. It reminds us that God gives us the means and the incentive to serve and that God gets the glory when we serve with the strength he gives us.

I’m not going to say too much more because I know this makes Trey very uncomfortable but Christie and I are very happy to name him as our son-in-law. *“Thank you for your service.”*

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