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## Dare to Soar

*"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

Our dreams... are our *possibilities*.

Our aspirations... are our

*opportunities.*

Our unwavering passion and ardent belief... are our *accomplishers*.

Champions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things in the National Guard!

They serve mankind, filling the needs of others, and miss no opportunity to help, making a positive difference.

They place their faith above their doubts, because true faith makes a supreme difference.

And so it is with every man and woman. It is their faith in God's promises, their desire to serve our great country and their willingness to go the extra mile that leads us to freedom and victory.

Whether walking alone or in company, seeking direction and understanding, they look up at the grey clouds above and say, "Lord, please don't forget me."

And with that, *believe* in God's infinite power, assurance, and ability to keep peace.

He is a Father to all who call upon Him and a Mother to those who are wounded.

Many a time, God does miraculous things for us, not because we are perfect, but because we believe in Him.

With His grace, create the highest and best life of service... for you become what you believe.

What do you really want to do with your life?

Do you know that your aspirations sincerely help others?

Do you know how much you are appreciated?

With unflinching determination, and unwavering persistence you pursue the enemy. Your heart's desire is to protect home and loved ones. Oh, how we thank you, dear soldiers.

Mentally we imagine those good plans fulfilled. Believing with all our heart you can achieve. Your expected probabilities of victory and triumph are our confidence.

Every day we know you explore new paths, execute your beliefs and carry out orders. Sometimes the simplest ideas are the best so carry on, work hard and be patient. And always be optimistic regardless of all besetting negative news.

Success comes one step at a time through faith filled goals and accomplishments. Soon you will reach your destination, home again in peace.

When you come up against an obstacle or set back, picture in your mind's eye a huge mountain. Maybe you cannot go straight up the mountain, you may not be able to go around it and perhaps you can't go over the mountain. However, you can continue to tunnel right through it. Climbing, persisting and succeeding through adversity gives us character.

The great Author of the universe chooses us because of our faith, our fortitude and our hope. We don't know everything, however God knows all things. He discerns what is best for us and He is a well of comfort that never runs dry.

As we meet the daily challenges of life, let us recall the Proverb that says, "Hope holds the head up." For hope sees the unseen; it believes the intangible and accomplishes the impossible.

Those who trust in Him know that Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with *hope*."

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