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8, 1954. I received basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. My advanced training as an Interme-

I was drafted into the U.S. Army on February

diate Speed Operator in Morse Code took place at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

In August 1954, I was sent to Korea. Fortunately, the peace treaty between North Korea and the United States had been signed in July 1953, one year earlier.

I was assigned to the 31st Infantry Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. I became the Communications Chief in charge of code and voice communications between Head and Head Company and the three companies that reported to the battalion.

Seeing the need for more code operators, I established Polar Bear College, a training school for developing slow speed operators.

I left Korea in early December and was discharged on December 14, 1955, with the rank of SP3.

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Ernie Jackson, U.S. Army, LTC, 1981-2001

Written By J.R. Anderson

"Thank you for your service." These words have become ubiquitous over the last decade. We hear it from politicians, customer service representatives, teachers and strangers. In the fall of 1998, just a couple of months after basic training, I was strolling through a mall in Wichita Falls, Texas, donned in my full-service dress blues, as it was required when leaving base as a technical school student. A young boy approached me and asked if I was a fighter pilot. "Yes," I replied. His mother



Warren Selig, U.S. Army, SSG, 10 yrs. Active Duty



WARREN SELIG

Name: WARREN SELIG Rank: Staff Sergeant Service: Army

Time of service: 10 years Prior Active Duty; Now currently serving with the Florida Army National Guard Two Combat tours Iraq: 2007-2008 15 months 2010-2011 13 months Current Job: Realtor School: DSC Building

& Architectural Technology program Upon my departure from Active Duty last year,

I was a Jungle School

instructor in Hawaii teaching Jungle Operations & combat/survival skills to all branches of service. I am now currently serving with the Florida National Guard so I can still lace up the boots one weekend a month but spend more time focusing on school, my real estate endeavors and, most importantly, family.



Jim Schafer, U.S. Army, SGT, 1966-1968

JIM SCHAFER, served in the Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a LRRP in Vietnam, which is now known as the Army Ranger program and a sergeant when he left the service.



Loren Harmon, U.S. Army, CWO3 Helicopter Pilot, 1967-1970

LOREN HARMON was a helicopter pilot with the Army rank CWO3 (at discharge) from Oct 1967-Oct. 1970. He served in VietNam from Oct 1968 to Oct 1969 with the 336 Assault Helicopter C0. in Soc Trang, Viet Nam.



Mary Harmon, U.S. Army Nurse Corp. CPT, 1968-1971

MARY HARMON: I was in the Army Nurse Corp from Feb 1968 to Feb 1971. I served in Viet Nam from Feb 1969 to Feb 1970at the 67th Evac Hospital in Qui Nhon. This picture was taken in the A&D Dept (or ER). My rank at discharge was Cpt.

then rushed her son along, probably to save me from having to lie any further.

The truth is that I was a C-130 aircraft mechanic, soon to be stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, where I would spend the next three years developing my trade. During this period, it felt more like a regular job than the military. Sure, I wore the uniform but I worked set hours, never traveled and would spend all of my money at Best Buy and fast food joints. Yet, despite

gave me a look as if to say "bull," then smiled because she knew I couldn't bring myself to tell the kid no. "Thank you for your service," she said, and my uneventful time spent in the service thus far, I would still hear those kind



words, "thank you for your service," on a regular basis. The phrase became increasingly meaningless as time passed -- I believed police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses and teachers all deserved such kind remarks. And there I was, a grease monkey wishing he had two elbows on one arm just so he could reach some elusive bolt in order to avoid removing more parts to access it. What service? It was a job, nothing more, nothing less.

I felt cheated. The recruiter sold me on exotic trips to foreign lands and experiences most Americans could only imagine. Yet I was anchored at Little Rock Air Force Base, institutionalized with supervisors who had dreamed of leaving for years but could never get reassigned. In August 2001, I visited the person-

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nel office to put in for an assignment overseas and the lady just smirked at me. I wouldn't be going anywhere as long as I had less than a year left on my term. So the next week, on Sept. 2 — my three-year anniversary — I re-enlisted. Needless to say, 9/11 happened shortly after. As tragic as it was, it may have been the catalyst for what happened next: I received orders to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, the following month.

Outside of the U.S., "thank you for your service" was virtually nonexistent. But I didn't care because it hadn't meant much to me, plus I was in another country living it up. I had the same mundane job as in Little Rock, only in a much better location. Turning wrenches didn't seem so bad with schnitzel, bratwurst and hefeweizen ready for massive consumption every day after work. It was no wonder why many soldiers viewed airmen as the frat-boys of the armed forces -- we had the best lodging and facilities, not to mention the fact that we sacrificed very little compared to other branches. The Air Force seemed spoiled compared to the other branches, which was probably why "thank you for your service" always seemed to bring about feelings of guilt.

I had networked my way into a heavy maintenance position right around the time the U.S. invaded Iraq. One of my coworkers was deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Shortly after, he had returned early due to a death in his family. My supervisor asked for a volunteer replacement at roll call and no one raised a hand. I suppose the good life of "work hard, play hard" was too hard to give up for four months. My hand was raised before I realized it -- I was just as surprised as everyone else. The next day, I was on a plane to Kuwait.

Even in Kuwait, the Air Force had it good -- we had air-conditioned tents, a Pizza Hut, Subway, entertainment lounge with a dozen PlayStations, and enough Girl Scout cookies to literally feed an army, thanks to a donation from Bruce Willis. Reality set in around the time of the Fallujah campaign in Iraq. We were towing an aircraft along the taxiway when an AC-130 gunship was blazing toward us, head-on. They had obviously seen an aircraft tow in progress, yet they hadn't slowed down. We had to speed up dramatically in order to make it off the taxiway before it collided with us and we barely made it. Naturally, we cursed them

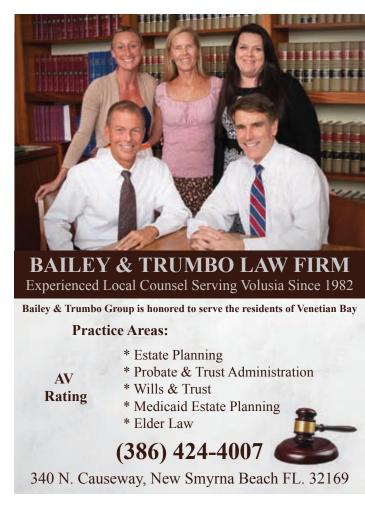
and flipped them off as they buzzed by, without considering for a moment that they were in a hurry for a reason — a mission to blow butts off the planet.

The next day I was at my scheduled aircraft, preparing it for flight. I was leaning on a 250-pound fire extinguisher at the front of the aircraft waiting for the flight engineer to finish his -1 preflight inspection. A couple of my guys were laid out in the shade under the wing, as it was about 130 degrees outside. A bus pulled up, and about two-dozen soldiers exited and lined up outside the aircraft. They boarded the C-130, one-by-one, standing three at a time on the crew entrance door. All I could think was how it was only supposed to have enough support for one person at a time. So I approached the soldiers and told them the crew door can only support one person and that I didn't feel like replacing a torque tube that day. One of the soldiers looked at me, gazed down at the bag of Cheetos and Gatorade I was holding and smirked.

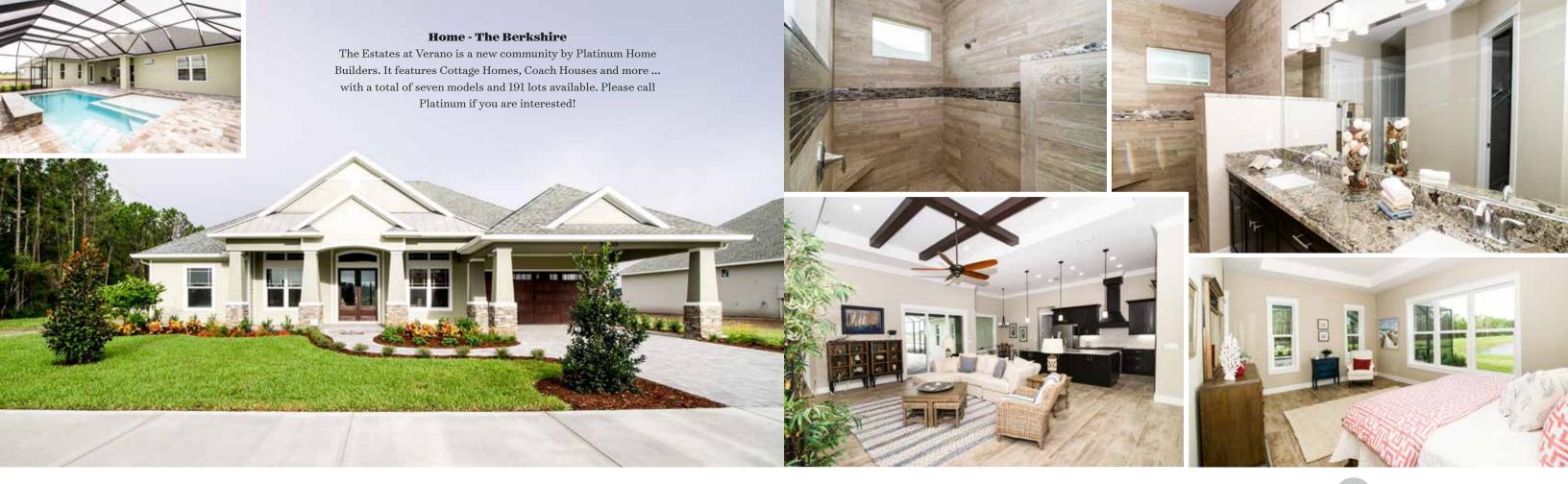
Being the spoiled airman I was, I marched back to the fire bottle, butt-hurt and upset at the disrespect given by these grunts. As I took a swig of my Gatorade and brushed the Cheetos-dust onto my pants, I began to study the rest of the soldiers as they boarded the plane. Their faces were stoic, emotionless. They weren't engaging each other with jokes or horseplay. They were just standing there, heel-to-toe, head and eyes straight-forward. These

guys were here for R&R (rest and relaxation) and their time was up — back to the battlefield. Then I had a moment of clarity. Perhaps some of those stoic faces would never make it home alive to greet loved ones. Maybe they would make it home but as different people than when they had left. My eyes moved toward my coworkers napping under the wing and I became overwhelmed with feelings of guilt and embarrassment. All I wanted to do was approach one of the soldiers, extend my hand and say "thank you for your service."

The rest of my tour in the desert, as well as my career, was spent with a different mindset. Although I didn't don an M-16 rifle and fifty pounds of gear everyday for work, I did tote a fifty pound tool box in order to do my job — to make sure the aircraft gets off the ground safely, lands safely and successfully transports its cargo -- be it bombs, bullets, troops or Girl Scout cookies. What I did was important to the overall mission. It is easy to forget at home station where the big picture is out of sight. It is easy to forget when every day is so repetitious. It is easy to forget until a stranger, loved one or neighbor approaches you and says, "Thank you for your service."









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By Resident David Carson

aring for a family member is complex. While deeply meaningful, it can be emotionally taxing and often presents unexpected challenges, often financial ones. If you may need to step into a caregiving role, it's a good idea to plan a financial strategy today before it becomes an added stressor. Here are some questions to help you get started:

What do you know about your loved one's

financial situation? Knowing the particulars of your loved one's disability, life and health insurance policies, savings and financial obligations can make it easier to step in on a moment's notice. Obtain contact information for the financial professionals your loved one works with so you know who to go to if you have questions.

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rently paying that you may need to make on his or her behalf. Encourage your loved one to set up automatic bill pay or to add you as a second signer on a bank account to make handling expenses easier. Next, consider what expenses you may incur as a result of your caregiving role -- such as out-of-pocket medical care or home improvements needed to accommodate your loved one.

What is the financial impact if you need to take time off from work? If you are employed, you may be covered by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). With this federally mandated program, eligible employees can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for an immediate family member while health benefits continue. Some companies allow employees to stockpile sick days and vacation days -- if you can use this kind of accrued time off, you'll still get paid. Liquid savings of your own can help to cover your expenses if you need to take unpaid leave from work.

Are your loved one's assets legally protected? Being proactive from a legal standpoint can help ensure your loved one's wishes are known and assets are protected during a prolonged illness. Power of attorney, or a durable power of attorney, gives a trusted party the ability to make important decisions about finances and health care. Another legal document that can help is an advanced directive, which outlines specifics for medical and end-of-life care. When these documents are in place, you have clear guidance on how to manage your family member's affairs.

Who would you turn to for support? Talk with other family members about their willingness to help and how responsibilities might be divided. Research social service and community organizations in your area to see what support is available for caregivers.

How will you balance your financial goals with caregiving expenses? Caregiving often requires more immediate expenses that can make it challenging to focus on saving for your child's college education or your own retirement. Developing a plan to continue saving toward long-term goals may help you reduce your financial stress down the road. Financial planning under the guidance of a financial advisor can help you anticipate and prepare for caregiving and other future events that may impact your finances.

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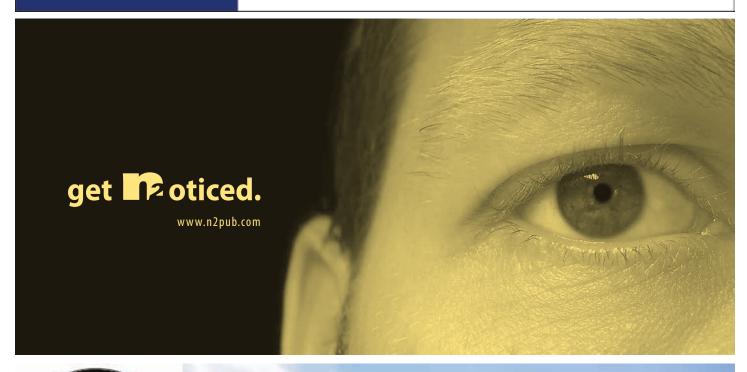


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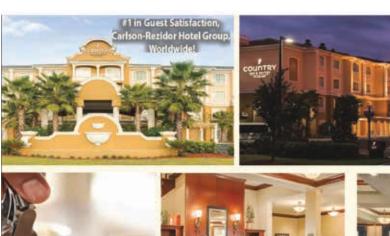






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watching him work ... not to mention the outcome of smiling faces and the relieving of patients' dental pain. To be able to restore a person's smile and, in essence, his or her confidence, seemed to be very fulfilling to me, so I pursued the field of dentistry.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Queens, NY, and moved to Daytona Beach at age 11 with my family.

What are you your hobbies/interests? I enjoy traveling, going to the beach, swimming, going to the gym and spending time with my family.

What else we should know about you, your family, or your business?

I am a member of American Dental Assoc., Florida Dental Assoc., Academy of General Dentistry, Volusia/ Flagler County Dental Assoc., Central Florida District Dental Assoc. and American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

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How did you decide on this industry (events that led up to where you are now, where you went to school, etc.)? I excelled in the arts and sciences and became very interested in medicine and the human body. I had great manual dexterity. I shadowed my family dentist and I thoroughly enjoyed



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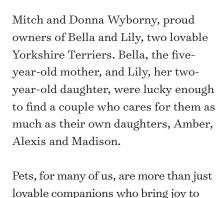












Pets, for many of us, are more than just lovable companions who bring joy to our lives -- they can be the catalyst for a change we desperately need in our lives, whether it be the need for unconditional love, the need for emotional recovery or the need for a sustained lift in spirits after a difficult ordeal.

In 2010, Donna, a Christian Kindergarten teacher, was hospitalized for a problematic neurological development. As if that weren't enough, after five days in the hospital, she lost her grandmother, who had raised her, two weeks prior to her surgery.

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Unbeknownst to Donna, Mitch, who had stayed by her bedside throughout her hospitalization, had been scouring the internet for Yorkie puppies. Donna had always wanted a Yorkie and despite Mitch's preference, the mending of his wife's broken heart and the rejuvenation of her spirit superseded all else.

"I need to stop somewhere on the way home," Mitch said, as Donna sat in the passenger seat, heavily medicated and exhausted from surgery.

"Honey, I need to get my pain medicine ... I can't even hold my head up," said Donna. "You don't need to go buy a tool."

Whether or not Mitch had a history and an affinity (perhaps to a fault) for craftsmanship, he had something else in mind. At around 8:30 p.m., Mitch





pulls into the woods, escorts Donna to a picnic table and the breeder walks up and places Bella in her arms.

Was Bella a catalyst for change? Given the love and admiration the Wybornys have for their dogs -- exhibited by Lily's obsession with belly rubs and high-frequency licks to reciprocate -- we can assume the answer is an abounding, yes.

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MEAT

· 4 Lamb shanks

PRODUCE

- · 3 Bay leaves, dried
- 1 Carrot
- 1 Celery stalk
- 2 Garlic cloves
- · 1 Onion, yellow brown white
- · 4 stalks Parsley, fresh
- · 1 Parsley, Fresh
- · 5 sprigs Thyme

CANNED GOODS

- * 2 cups Beef broth
- 3 tablespoons Tomato paste

BAKING & SPICES

- 3 tablespoons Flour
- 1 Salt and pepper

OILS & VINEGARS

• 2 tablespoons Olive oil

BEER, WINE & LIQUOR

- 3 cups Port
- 11/2 cups Red wine

- Optional: Strain sauce in dutch oven into a bowl. Use spoon to press into onion etc to squeeze out all the flavourful liquid.
 Pour sauce into dutch oven. (Note 5)
- · Skim excess fat off sauce.
- Increase heat to medium high and reduce liquid by half or until it thickens to a syrup consistency.
- Return lamb shanks and juices pooled in the bowl into sauce to reheat, then serve with creamy mashed potato, garnished with parsley.



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INSTRUCTIONS:

- · Season lamb with salt and pepper.
- Heat 1 tablespoons oil in a dutch oven or large heavy-based pot over high heat. Add 2 lamb shanks and cook, turning, until browned (see photo). Remove then repeat with remaining lamb.

Turn heat down to medium. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil, garlic, onion, carrot and celery. Sauté for 5 minutes until onion is softened.

- · Add flour. Mix into onion mixture.
- Add remaining ingredients. Mix lumps are ok, they will dissolve while cooking.
- Add lamb back in the meat should be mostly submerged.
 Bring to simmer, then turn heat down to medium-low and cover with lid.
- Simmer for 2 hours (Note 4) then remove lid and simmer for 30 minutes.
- · Remove lamb into a bowl.

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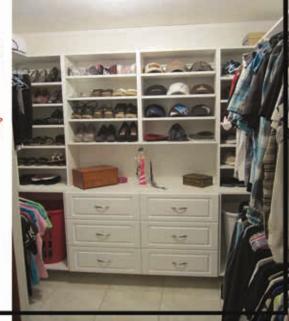
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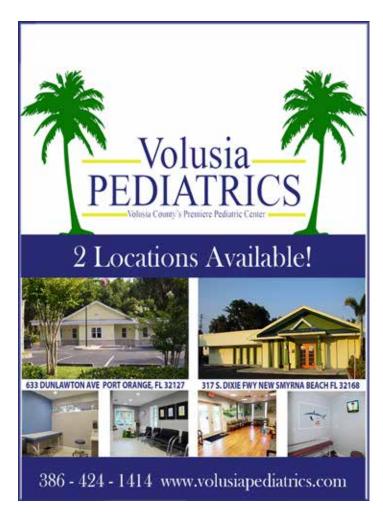
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among infants and toddlers who use their hands to wipe their noses or rub their eyes and then handle toys or touch other children.

The flu can cause serious illness that may result in hospitalization or death. Children with certain conditions are at a higher risk for flu complications but most who get the flu are healthy children. Even a single death from the flu is one too many.

Therefore, it is very important that we work together to help protect each child in our care.

The single best way to ward off the flu is to get vaccinated every season. Everyone six months of age and older should receive the vaccine. Yearly flu immunization is needed because immunity against the flu wears off over time. In addition, the flu virus strains often change, so the vaccine may also change to match the flu strains that are circulating in the environment.

Here are a few important benefits of flu vaccination:

- · Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization, especially among children and older adults.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive measure for people with chronic health conditions.
- · Vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy. Getting vaccinated also protects the developing baby during pregnancy and for several months after the baby is born.
- Flu vaccination may also make your illness milder if you do
- · Getting vaccinated yourself also helps protect the people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications (babies and young children, older people and people with chronic medical conditions).



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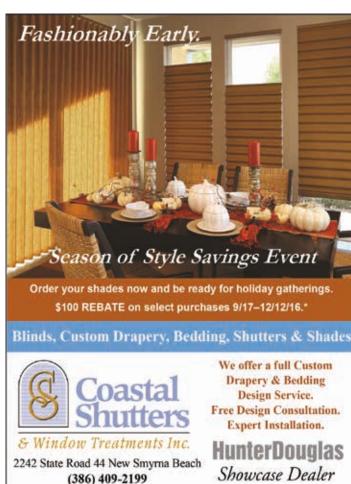
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"An estimated 20 million people in the United States have some form of peripheral neuropathy, a condition that develops as a result of damage to the peripheral nervous system." [NIH Publication No. 15-4853]

Neuropathy is a medical term for nerve damage. Areas most commonly affected by peripheral neuropathy are the lower extremities.

Symptoms of peripheral neuropathy include

- Numbness
- Tingling
- Burning
- Shooting pains
- Lack of sensation

Causes of peripheral neuropathy include:

- Uncontrolled Diabetes (excess sugars affects the nerves). This is actually the most common cause of peripheral neuropathy.
- Hypothyroidism, a clinical state resulting from underproduction of thyroid hormones.
- Excessive alcohol intake
- Vitamin deficiency, particularly the B vitamins
- Viral infections or autoimmune conditions such as Guillain-Barre
- Chemotherapy

The diagnosis of peripheral neuropathy can be established by a Physician in the clinical setting. This may lead to further evaluation with diagnostic studies such as EMG (electromyography) and NCS (nerve conduction studies).

Treatment of peripheral neuropathy involves correcting the underlying cause. In addition, medications are helpful to manage the symptoms. For example, in diabetics, it would lead to tighter blood sugar control ... or in hypothyroidism, correction with medication management. Medications to help alleviate the symptoms of peripheral neuropathy include tricyclic antidepressants and anticonvulsants. Medication names include Amitriptyline, Lyrica and Neurontin.

Complications that may result from untreated peripheral neuropathy include having an injury without any awareness of the injury. It can lead to infection, delayed wound care and even possibly amputation. This is one of the reasons that patients with peripheral neuropathy are advised to perform visual inspection of their feet daily.

For further information and evaluation, do not hesitate to discuss with your Primary Care Physician.

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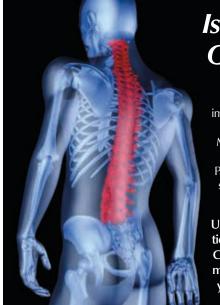
The Habits of Health system incorporates two different kinds of motion. One is exercise

activity thermogenesis, which is fancy way of saying traditional scheduled exercise like lifting weights or going for a run. The other type of motion we use is non-exercise activity thermogen-

esis (NEAT), which encompasses all of the little things that we do throughout the day that require our body to burn energy.

You might not consider standing while you talk on your phone exercise, but it does, in fact, require your body to spend energy. In the fight against obesity, every calorie burned counts and those small wins push us forward on our path to Optimal Wellbeing.

The power of the NEAT System is that you can do it right now and can continue doing it into our 90s and 100s. Since it doesn't feel like work in the way that trudging into the gym might, these little wins can also be easier to rack up. Just by making NEAT



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motions a part of your daily routine, you'll soon accomplish your primary goal of offloading a couple of hundred calories each day and that's going to help your energy management system function flawlessly, indefinitely.

There are six parts of the NEAT System within the Habits of Health but today I wanted to talk about dancing.

If you put on a song you like, watch what happens. You might start tapping your pencil or your foot ... or even singing at the top

There's a term for music's capacity to lift us up this way: ergogenic. An ergogenic aid is anything outside of your body that boosts physical or mental performance -- either by increasing your capacity to perform, removing psychological constraints to performance or speeding your recovery after exertion. This is why music is so popular among weight lifters. It actually does help! It turns out that music and rhythm can help decrease inflammation.

For the purposes of NEAT, though, we harness music's ability to enhance motion by amplifying brain arousal, a phenomenon that researchers have shown actually increases the intensity of your activity, which means burning more calories. If you're moving, you're probably on the right path!

The best way to make music a force for health in your life is to incorporate it into your daily routine as much as possible. If you can do it safely and without interrupting your responsibilities, listening to an iPod at work and help to keep your mood up and to keep you moving throughout the day. At home, use music to augment everything you do on your own, from gardening to cleaning. You might also feel compelled to go even farther -- like registering for a dance class -- and that's great!

Your daily goal should be to get at least 10 minutes of music and dance in a day. If you can get more than an hour a week, that's even better.

Remember that NEAT doesn't mean that you have to dance until you're out of breath or tired. Your ten minutes of music could be gently bobbing to your favorite Pandora station while you sort through papers at work or singing in your car on your drive home work from work. We're after little bits of activity that are so easy you'd have to put more work into failing.

So get to dancing!













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