

## **Outside of the Wire**

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We have all been outside the wire sometime in our lives and we all know the inherent dangers; bouncing betties, claymores, mortars enemy small fire, friendly fire and sometimes the worst threat of all; ourselves.

In order to get back to safety we must trust in our Comrades in Arms, our training, our skills, our family ties, our faith and our determination to make it back to the safety and protection of our Comrades, friends and family!

There are time when we all feel like quitting, when the burden seem too much to bear and we find ourselves outside of the wire with our back to the wire, that's when it's time to trust our brotherhood, our friends and our faith to guide us back to reason and safety.

Sometime one of the biggest obstacles to reason is our attitude, which dictates our actions in all matters. We cannot be right all the time and realizing this fact we must be big enough to admit and submit to compromise which can open the gates to the wire and return us to the safety of our compound, our buddies, our family and friends.

There is no honor in quitting!  
To quit is to parish!

Remember the VSPA Motto: "We take care of our own!"

The timeless combat code: "One for all and all for one!"

A wise man once said: "*No man is an Island to himself.*" (How True!)