



**SHILO
HARRIS**



Dear Friends,
Shilo Harris is an author of *Steel Will*, and is a motivational speaker. Shilo, unlike candidates, elected officials, self-supported individuals, or big profits or non-profits, does not have a budget for traveling expenses or someone to subsidize for his time as a speaker. He is an independent speaker. If you or your organization, club, church, association, college, etc. would like to have Shilo as a speaker, MC or as a panel participant, we would kindly ask you to provide for

him the following:

- **Traveling expenses or reimbursements** for traveling expenses. The traveling expenses are 55 cents per mile locals traveling from and to San Antonio, TX or airfare for two people if the final destination is more than 100 miles away from San Antonio area but in Texas.
- **If the destination is outside of Texas, business class airfare**, for two people, depending on the event. Direct flights are preferable. All flight itineraries will be provided to the organization at time of billing.
- **Meals or reimbursement for the meals of Shilo and management during travel.** If the speaking engagement is during a meal, please know that Shilo does not regularly eat before he speaks but he will eat after he speaks. He usually arrives with management to assist with disabilities. Those meals will have to be paid for as well.
- **Lodging for 1-2 nights of two separate rooms** if the final destination is more than 100 miles away from San Antonio area. This lodging must be at a Hotel of 3 ½ stars and up or accommodations similar to that rating.
- **When Shilo is asked to come as a speaker**, all of the above applies, yet, Shilo has a speaking fee. The amount of the honorarium should be taken into consideration due to the type of event, distance, number of people at the event, etc. When an honorarium is waived, a booth with opportunity to sell a minimum of 200 books is required. Please talk with Jamie, his manager, about your specific event and budget.
- **We request that a headshot of Shilo and his name (and book)** be acknowledged in every announcement, printed invitation, online

invitation, as well as his Book's title, *Steel Will*, and website www.shiloharris.com

- **In the event that you wish for Shilo to bring one or more Panel guests** with him to participate, the names of those need to be acknowledged as honored guests and reimbursements for their traveling expenses.

At some events, Shilo will bring a laptop or thumb drive to connect to a computer or projector for a power point presentation. We would appreciate if the presentation location has already set up:

1. A **projector** set to work with Shilo's laptop. (If you do not have a projector please communicate with Jamie, his manager) No PowerPoint presentations at parks or stadiums.
2. A **screen** (9x9+ preferred) or bare wall to project presentation.
3. A raised **platform** or stage. (This stage should provide the audience an unobstructed view of Shilo during his presentation.)
4. A **wireless, clip-on microphone** is preferred. This microphone needs to connect to the room's speaker system or independent audio equipment. If a wireless microphone is not available then a microphone on the stage will suffice.
5. Shilo **will arrive 20-40 minutes early** to the event. The speaker or assistant will hand out printed information regarding his organizations, either before or after the presentation upon request.
6. If the speech is at a large event, at the raised platform, the speaker would appreciate the opportunity to **walk on the stage prior to the event.**
7. Shilo must have appropriate **cooling (fan and temperature)** on the stage, **flag** to his right and **water.**

Checks for **Reimbursements and Honorarium** should be made out to:

Shilo Harris

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Reasons to choose Shilo Harris as your speaker:

1. Professional
2. Wounded Warrior
3. Patriotic Theme
4. Service with Honor
5. Engaging
6. Insightful
7. Dynamic
8. Leadership
9. Inspirational
10. Integrity
11. Experience
12. Faith
13. Knowledge
14. Originality
15. Energetic
16. Fun
17. Genuine
18. Articulate
19. Unique
20. Passionate
21. Team Oriented
22. Adaptive



Shilo is the **spokesman** for The Patriot Project

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See Shilo by watching these videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Mh3MeG5www](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh3MeG5www)

Fox4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QenXRb_se1A

Huckabee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOWWUd_A73s

Hallmark's Home & Family Show

Listen to Shilo on these radio shows:

Dennis Miller Show

<http://www.dennismillerradio.com/blog?action=blogArchive&blogTag=Shilo%20Harris>

Kevin Zimmerman Show

<http://www.artistfirst.com/Zimmerman.htm>

Presented to these organizations:

National & State Chiropractor Associations

National & State Audiology Associations

Churches

School Districts

Financial & Business Organizations

Keynote Speaker for many Non-profit Organizations

Shilo Harris has been given a purpose:

1. Educate and inform the national population on life experiences for a Wounded Service Member.
2. Empower Americans to get involved in protecting and promoting wounded and retired Veterans
3. Empower Veterans to take a "natural approach" to daily functioning
4. Serve as a bridge between Veterans, Serviceman and Woman, AND the general American population.
5. Inspire positive life changes to anyone in the audience that may be dealing with their own adversities.

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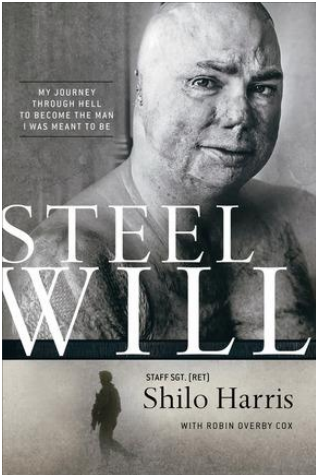
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WOUNDED WARRIOR SHARES ULTIMATE SURVIVAL STORY IN NEW BOOK ‘STEEL WILL’

IED Blast Kills Fellow Soldiers, Leaves SSG Shilo Harris Fighting for Life and Enduring the Hell of PTSD



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., (June 2014) – Staff Sergeant Shilo Harris’ Humvee hit an IED while on patrol in Iraq in February of 2007. In that blast he lost his ears, part of his nose, some fingers and over a third of the skin on his body. He also lost three of his best friends. What followed was an agonizing road to recovery, which began with nearly two months in a medically induced coma. During that time he experienced a version of hell so terrifying, the memories still haunt him today. Harris shares his inspiring story in his forthcoming memoir, *Steel Will: My Journey Through Hell to Become the Man I was Meant to Be* (September 1, 2014; Baker Books).

“I am a man who has lived through hell. It is hard to share this experience. The carnage. The devastation. The loss. But I will do it. Because I will always know the horrors of war,” writes Harris. “I will tell you what an explosion does to you on the outside. And I will tell you what an explosion does to you on the inside. And I will demonstrate what it means to live fearlessly, with a clear understanding of the Grace

that can redeem mayhem.”

Harris recounts his journey toward manhood, beginning with a tumultuous childhood marked by his father’s struggles with PTSD and the affects on his family, Shilo moved into his rowdy teenage and young adult years searching for meaning, full of bravado, making destructive choices. The tragedy of 9/11 prompted him to enlist in the Army and he quickly found success as a Cavalry scout.

On his second deployment, an IED blast left him severely wounded, killed several of his men and sent him home to a “new normal” full of hospitals, painful surgeries and skin grafts, physical therapies, and medical miracles—Harris was the first to participate in a stem cell trial treatment which successfully grew back tissue on his hand. Navigating his new life provided plenty of challenges outside of his physical battles; “The wounds I kept inside were harder to heal,” he writes, and the realities of PTSD plagued Harris daily as he spiraled into another level of “hell” on earth. He relied on the patience of his family, friendships with chaplains and a desperate and budding faith in God to overcome.

Around Christmas 2012, the Harris family was overjoyed when Ty Pennington from ABC’s *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* showed up in the front yard of their mobile home to build them a new home. Harris refers to this time as an “Extreme Life Makeover,” as he endeavored to find a happy balance between the time he spent travelling and helping other wounded warriors and meeting the needs of his family.

Steel Will chronicles a journey of pain and suffering, but also strength, persistence, love and resiliency of the human spirit. Harris reflects on his military years and combat deployments with the wisdom of a seasoned leader of men; the book reads like a modern-day “Band of Brothers” and any military enthusiast or history buff will appreciate Harris’ retelling of his time as a soldier. In contrast, the tenderness with which he writes about his family tells a profound story. And Harris’ personal reflections on his journey in relationship with God provide notes of a spiritual memoir. *Steel Will* is a raw and rugged account of a man brought to his knees by war; yet one who is full of gratitude for the journey, which brought him closer to his family, to God and helped him become the kind of man he always wanted to be.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: On February, 19, 2007, during his second deployment to Iraq, the vehicle Army Staff Sgt. Shilo Harris was traveling in was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED), killing three soldiers, wounding the driver, and leaving Staff Sgt. Harris with third degree burns on 35% of his body. Due to the severity of his burns, Staff Sgt. Harris lost his ears, tip of his nose, three fingers, and he sustained fractures to his left collarbone and C-7 vertebrae. Today, Harris shares his story with groups of veterans, wounded warriors and others around the country, and continues to be an inspiration for fellow soldiers.

SHILO HARRIS BIOGRAPHY



Shilo Harris came from a family with deep roots in military service. As a son of a Vietnam veteran, Shilo always knew he wanted to be a soldier. On September 11th his life changed forever and shortly afterward he enlisted as a Cavalry Scout in the US Army. His first deployment was to Schweinfurt, Germany with the 1st Infantry Division. From Germany Shilo headed to war-torn Iraq.

On his second deployment with the 10th Mountain Division he was assigned and worked near southern Baghdad. On February 2007, Harris' armored vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED). The explosion injured the driver and ended the lives of three of his fellow soldiers. Shilo survived but with severe third degree burns on 35% of his body. The severity of the burns meant the loss of Shilo's ears, the tip of his nose and three fingers. The crushing explosion fractured his left collarbone and C-7 vertebrae.

The devastating injuries required that Shilo remain in a medically induced coma for 48 days; after, he spent nearly three years recovering and undergoing intensive physical therapy at the burn unit of Brooklyn Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX. While at BAMC, he was the first soldier to participate in cutting-edge regenerative stem-cell research to regrow his fingers, and later received prosthetic ears. Shilo's recovery has involved more than 70 surgeries. Shilo also struggled from PTSD. In 2010 he was medically retired from the Army. Shilo reflects on his time in the service and his injuries: "Everything in life is a gift. Sometimes it may not be the gift you want but you realize that your challenges are a new beginning."

Shilo is a family man who is committed to his five children, and also a devout Christian. In 2012, the Harris family was the recipient of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and was provided with a new home equipped to serve the needs of Shilo's unique medical and physical circumstances. Today, Shilo is a motivational speaker and spokesman, sharing his story with groups around the country, raising awareness for PTSD and serving as an inspiration to fellow soldiers.

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Suggested Interview Questions

Steel Will by Shilo Harris

1. *Steel Will* is an honest account of the hardest moments of your life- why did you want to write this book?
2. How difficult was this book to write?
3. Tell us when and how you received your injuries, and the extent of them.
4. In *Steel Will* you describe your time in a medically induced coma as a sort of “hell.” Explain what this was like.
5. You had a very long road to recovery. How are you doing now, physically?
6. What were some of the more challenging moments of your recovery process?
7. In your book, you openly talk about your struggles with PTSD. It’s been reported that US soldiers are committing suicide at record numbers. Talk to us about the moment you describe in the book, where you considered taking your own life.
8. What can we do to raise awareness of the prevalence of PTSD within the military community, and how can the civilian community support our wounded warriors with this struggle?
9. With everything you went through, at what point did God become real to you?
10. Like many people who have experienced a tragedy, crisis or trauma, you asked some tough questions of God. Do you feel you got the answers you needed? How have you resolved those hard questions?
11. You talk about this book being a love story, tell us what you mean by that.
12. You received a new home from ABC’s *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. Tell us about the home and some of the unique features it provides that help you with your medical issues.
13. What do you hope readers will take from *Steel Will*?
14. You speak professionally to many organizations, how would someone get in touch with you to have you speak at one of their events?

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