Valour-IT: Whatâ€™s IT Worth to You?

Description

Yesterday was a banner day for the program. I started the day glum, having not slept well the night before, as the numbers were going flat (and the Navy Team was having our â€œpartsâ€• handed to us). By lunch time, I will admit, safe from the publicâ€™s eye, I engaged in some snarking via â€œbackchannelâ€• comms to the other teams.

Then the evening settled in, and I saw the meteoric rise of the flag of those who go down to the sea in ships had done something aviators generall cringe at, because, we al know from the good Captain, â€œspeed is life.â€• The only good part of our journey, is when we have stalled, nose high, hearing the wind nosie silencing itself, we donâ€™t get overcome by the law of gravity that has ended, prematurely, the lives of many good men and women who has tried to slip the surly bonds of earth. We at least hang there.

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In any environment, being a stationary target is never good, for it takes the delicate computations of relative motion out of the mix and makes it much easier for the targeter to snipe at the targetee.

This morningâ€™s numbers show us all, stalled short of the goal, just inching past the wonderful preformance of last year.

Letâ€™s redouble our efforts, bolstered by one more tall cup of extra caffinated Starbucks and work the phones and keyboards.

In the meantime, enjoy what â€œGazing at the Flagâ€• blog writer sends to us, a story of a sacrifice, small as it is to some, itâ€™s a statement worth considering., Read it here and consider: Whatâ€™s IT (not an intended pun, but a reference to Valour-â€œITâ€•) worth to you?

Can you trade a the date dinner before the movie this Friday or Saturday night (in the $25-45 range for lots of the middle class incomes) to propel someone from a hospital bed, wondering through the phantom pain of a missing limb, just how they will support their spouse and later send their children to a better life than they had, to help this person, whom you will most likely never know their name?

How about a dayâ€™s wages? Maybe we could all grab a calculator, do some reasonably quick math, and figure out what we make for a day and pledge (well, pledge via a click on the donation button) that value (gross or net, depending on how you are feeling at the moment) to this nationâ€™s future, because, when you peel this onion apart, layer by layer, itâ€™s about helping people be productive now, and to be there to launch the next generations.

How about it? If not putting it directly into the kitty, maybe figure that much to one of the auction items? Andâ€¦ I would further challenge everyone who bids on any items, that if you are not the winner, no matter if you bid a $1 or $500, that you figure you would have paid that much to get a Challenge Coin, wine goblets, or a hard copy â€œblogvel,â€• itâ€™s money you considered putting towards Valour-IT, so when the final gavel drop is heard and â€œSOLD! TO THE (fill in not you description) WITH THE

FUNNY CAMOFLAUGED HAT!â€• resounds, log in and donate it via the service team you love most (psst! The Navy is aheadâ€¦spread the love elsewhere! (I donâ€™t want them feeling left out and Waaaayyyy behind!)).

Can I count on you? Ok, forget me, can they, our wounded and their families and families to be, count on you for one day?

Think about itâ€¦

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