

The reenlistment of Staff Sergeant Johnny Joey Jones

Combat-wounded Staff Sergeant Joey Jones turned a traumatic, life-changing disability into a personal mission to share the life-changing perspective and gratitude he found in his recovery. Most of you know Joey. He is an in-demand contributor across all FOX News Media platforms, including FOX News Channel, FOX Business Network (FBN) and FOX Nation Streaming. The New York Times best-selling author is a rotating host for several hit shows, including the Fox and Friends franchise, The Five, Big Weekend Show and the primetime show Fox News Tonight.

Joey's easy rapport with, and genuine concern for, people of all walks of life has led to a long list of speaking opportunities. His message focuses on overcoming adversity, finding a positive perspective in dire situations, learning to lean on those around you, and finding strength in yourself and your community. Whether it be on live television, in writing, or speaking to a live audience, Joey Jones' genuine demeanor, thoughtful approach and innate sense of humor allow him to masterfully connect with people on a gamut of issues. He simply believes we all need the opportunity to remind ourselves of what we're capable of overcoming. Joey has created a unique and impactful message on the value we bring to others and the necessity to build strong relationships with our teams, our families, and our communities.

Born on July 21, 1986, Jones was raised in Dalton, Georgia. He worked with his father and uncles as a brick mason in the summers and played football in the fall. After High School he enlisted in the Marine Corps. During his eight years of service, he worked as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (bombs) Technician, deploying to both Iraq and Afghanistan on separate tours. During his last deployment to Afghanistan, Joey's team rendered safe and destroyed nearly 80 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along with thousands of pounds of other unknown bulk explosives. It was during that tour on August 6, 2010, when he stepped on and initiated an IED, resulting in the loss of both of his legs above the knee and severe damage to his right forearm and both wrists. He recovered at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington D.C. Determined to make the road to recovery easier for his fellow wounded veterans, Jones founded a peer visit program at Walter Reed, providing opportunities for others recovering to mentor and encourage newly injured patients. His dedication and relentlessness led to an unprecedented year-long fellowship on Capitol Hill with the House of Representatives Veterans Affairs Committee. His work resulted in the creation of an annual fellowship for wounded Marines.

During his recovery, Joey took classes on campus at Walter Reed. In July 2011, after regaining his full physical independence – only ten

months after his injury, Joey sought the best possible education and enrolled at Georgetown University. He completed his education in May 2014. His time at Georgetown fostered relationships and efforts that are still changing the lives of veteran students on campus today.

After losing his childhood best friend, a Marine, to PTSD-related suicide in 2012, Joey decided to make veterans' issues a key part of his professional and personal life. Throughout his post-service career, he has carefully fostered relationships with key players in politics and the media to keep veteran issues at the forefront of discussion. He has shared his experiences and insights on the challenges facing active duty and retired service members at the White House with then President Obama, and in conversation with former President George W. Bush. He often visits with multiple cabinet officials and military generals; and enjoys a close personal and working relationship with current members of Congress. An avid outdoorsman, he grew up in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, where he learned the hard work and culture of ethical hunting while helping his uncle commercially clean and process wild game. Over the past decade Joey has used his platform and passion to become an advocate for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, and habitat conservation. Joey hosts the first hunting show featured on a major cable news property, Fox Nation Outdoors, and spends his personal time and resources taking small groups of veterans and first responders on unforgettable hunting retreats.

Joey's deployment, injury and subsequent recovery were documented on ABC Nightline and CBS Evening News. His family's colorful past as moonshiners and race car drivers was featured in the premiere episode of the hit series Religion of Sports. On the big screen, Jones has a speaking role in the Academy Award-winning film Lincoln, he appeared in the independent film Range 15 and was a technical advisor for the independent film Bad Hurt.

His first book, which remained on the New York Times best-selling list for months, "Unbroken Bonds of Battle" was released on June 27, 2023. The book offers deep insight into the relationships and events that forged Joey's outlook on life. Throughout the book, Joey features 10 American heroes who played an important part in his life and recovery, as well as showcasing their own stories of bravery and determination. You'll find gold star family members, childhood best friends, professional athletes, politicians, and wounded warriors all with an enlightening take on how to get through hardships.

His second book, "Behind the Badge" was released on June 17, 2025, and reached number one on the New York Times Best Seller list in its first week. Answering the Call to Serve on America's Homefront, Joey's book is filled with vivid storytelling, bringing to life dramatic rescues, heart-wrenching losses, and awe-inspiring acts of courage. He

dives deep into what drives these brave men and women, offering an intimate look at their personal and professional lives.

On May 20, 2026, the 39-year-old Staff Sergeant Johnny Joey Jones reenlisted in the United States Marine Corp Reserve and was assigned to active duty status working at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He was sworn in by his former Fox News mentor and current Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth. I watched SSgt Jones stand tall on his two artificial legs and raise his right hand to take the enlistment oath on a YouTube video this afternoon, I was brought to tears as I considered the exceptional character of this fine young Marine who has given so much, yet still wants continue to give more and serve his fellow veterans by providing an exemplary example of other young Marines to follow. Godspeed to Staff Sergeant Johnny Joey Jones, United States Marine. He is "The Man."

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