

BLOOD BROTHERS

Newland

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and I'll meet you there."

For Newland, who had dropped out of high school, it was beyond anything he could have hoped for.

"I've never had anything given to me," he said. "I've had to work for everything. But I could not accept an uncertain future with my children."

On Father's Day, he found out he had been accepted in the Sentinels of Freedom program.

"Mike Conklin is an angel," Newland said.

A time to heal

Sunlight filters through skylights into the dining area of the Newlands' new home, which smells of fresh paint and new furniture — all donated. It's October, and golden aspens up and down the lane mix with red oaks. Haley, 5, and Dryden, 3, play on a swing set in the backyard, which also has been furnished with deck furniture and a barbecue grill capable of serving a football team. For four years, Sentinels will pay the rent on the house, and then the Newlands have the option to buy it. ReMax real estate found a job for Newland in their technology department. He's received a scholarship from Jones International University. He has a mentor team of 10 professionals, including a retired Army colonel.

"This has been a huge lifestyle change," he said.

And life, in many ways, is easier. But not easy. At lunch one day, his children grabbed balloons. "Daddy doesn't like balloons," Haley said. In the car on the way home, Dryden's popped. "It's lucky we were stopped," Erin Newland said. "We would have swerved off the road." In an instant, a child's toy morphed into a grenade. Newland has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and loud noises can trigger war-zone memories.

In the evenings, Erin Newland takes Ian through his physical therapy. "I can still feel every piece of shrapnel," he said. "I can't even describe the pain."

As he plays with his children, he winces when Dryden climbs over the wrong leg. But he smiles when Haley asks visitors to push her on the swing. And he laughs when his wife calls him a "pogue" — military banter for someone who doesn't patrol.

"She's more infantry than I am," he said.

But he traveled alone when he again flew to Arlington one year after McGinnis died. There, he met up with his full chain of com-

mand. Former battalion commander Lt. Col. Eric Schacht pinned former Charlie Company commander Capt. Mike Baka with the gold oak leaves that came with his promotion to

major. They held the ceremony on a cold December day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then, with others who had come to pay their respects, they walked to McGinnis' grave.

"Whenever he was around, we were laughing, smiling," Newland said.

Slowly, painfully, he knelt on the grave to spend some time with his friend. □

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Because Nàdurra is non-chill filtered and because it's natural strength, it's nice just to smell it and have a little taste of it as it is. But I would recommend the addition of a small amount of water to pick up much more of the overall flavor of the whisky. About 1 part water to 3 parts Nàdurra would be the way that I would enjoy it. But of course, it's up to each individual. Whatever your preference, I hope you enjoy drinking The Glenlivet Nàdurra 16 Year Old as much as I did making it.

— Jim Cryle,
The Glenlivet Master Distiller



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