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NVMM Author Series Presents:
“Send Me: The True Story of a Mother at War”
With Co-Author Marty Skovlund, Jr. on August 8

*Hear the story of Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, a trailblazing female special operator.
in a top-secret unit hunting terrorists around the world*

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) invites guest to [An Evening with Marty Skovlund, Jr., U.S. Army Veteran and co-author of “Send Me: The True Story of a Mother at War,”](#) on August 8 at 6 p.m. in the museum.

Released in May 2024, “Send Me” shares the heroic story of Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, a cryptologic technician, and one of the first women to serve as a special operator. Kent was fluent in seven languages and served multiple tours in Iraq, contributing to the capture of hundreds of enemy insurgents. Only a fraction of the 1.3 million active-duty service members in the U.S. military are selected to be “operators,” and Shannon Kent was among the best.

Marty Skovlund, Jr. and Shannon’s husband, Joe, also a special forces soldier co-wrote [“Send Me: The True Story of a Mother at War”](#) to honor Shannon and share the truth about her work and the challenges she faced while marrying and raising two boys while continuing to serve her country. Joe Kent and their sons became a Gold Star Family when Shannon was killed in the 2019 Manbij bombing in Syria.

Michael Jerome Plunkett, executive director, The Literature of War Foundation, will moderate this gripping conversation with Skovlund. [Tickets are available on the NVMM website for \\$20 and \\$15 for Veterans.](#) A Q&A and author book signing opportunity will follow the discussion.

Marty Skovlund, Jr. is a U.S. Army Ranger Veteran of the 1st Battalion, 75th Regiment with multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and former editor-in-chief of *Task & Purpose*. He has co-hosted a TV show on the History Channel and has been covering the military and conflict for more than 10 years, reporting on the ground from Afghanistan, Iraq and Ukraine in addition to embedding with the U.S. military for training exercises around the world.

[Michael J. Plunkett](#) is a writer from Long Island. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and after working in the financial industry for Fidelity Investments and Morgan Stanley for several years, began pursuing fiction writing as a career. He leads the Patrol Base Abbate Book Club and runs the Literature of War Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to building libraries on military bases. His writing has been published by *Coffee or Die*, *Dirtbag Magazine* and Dead Reckoning Collective.



About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. [The National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.

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