

Keep On Going Award Speech

Presenter Star Jimenez

Recipient Jeffrey Zerrer

As retrieved on April 3, 2009 from Brainyquotes.com, John D. Rockefeller, an American industrialist and philanthropist of the late 1800s, said, "I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance." Today we are celebrating the perseverance of not only a fellow classmate but a member of our country's armed forces.

We were first introduced to this student when he told us how he and 4 friends survived being ejected from a vehicle after attending a surf competition. We learned about the dangers of drinking and driving, he told us about the Army ROTC and his career plans with the Army. But perhaps the most telling information came when he shared his Army training experiences. I recall one story in particular when he shared a training exercise story with some of us. He had gone on a weekend training mission and as part of the training exercise the Army placed him and a buddy out in the middle of nowhere and they had to find their way back to home base. Well, they got lost because their compass didn't work, they had no water, and after walking about 25 miles in 8 hours with full gear, they finally made it back to base. While the story is funny as the retelling of events can be, I believe the story reveals just a few of the positive characteristics of Jeffrey Zerrer.

To celebrate his drive, energy, determination and his perseverance, it is with great pleasure that I present the "Keep on Going" award to Jeffrey Zerrer.