



***LCDR Ron Camarda, a priest at Bravo Surgical, carried the St. Michael's medal in his pocket almost 40 days trying to locate its owner.***

was able enough to profess to the priest that he was Catholic. Noticing that the beautiful medal around Matt's neck had a broken chain, Father Camarda held it in his hands, promising to find something to replace the chain. Returning with a cord, he found Matt in an operating room and was unable to reach him. Meanwhile, other "angels" required the Father's attention, some for communion and anointing, and for one, administration of last rites. That is when he heard the choppers whizzing and remembered the medal. He then ran the 200 yards to the landing pad, but it was too late. The young man he knew only as "Matthew" was on his way to Germany.

For more than a month, the kind priest carried the medal in his pocket remembering its owner in prayer each day as he attempted to find an address and telephone number. Finally, he was able to contact Matt by phone. He was touched to learn the meaning of the four names engraved on the medal. He was also delighted to discover that both he and Matthew played the tenor

saxophone. Most of all, he was relieved to hear that Matt's leg was saved. On December 17, the priest packed the medal in a box and sent it to its owner.

Matt is currently undergoing the slow, painful process of rehabilitation at a center near his family. He expects to make a full recovery and will return to duty in March. Not only will the warrior angel have his St. Michael's medal back around his neck, but he will also be carrying a St. Christopher's medal – a gift from a new friend and dedicated priest from Bravo Surgical.



***LCpl Brown recovers from surgery to his leg from a sniper wound to the upper thigh.***

## **DDSP Public Safety Flying High**

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For the past two years the Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Dispatchers, and other members of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Public Safety Division have become completely entrenched in their new combined facility.

The building, so aptly named "Building 911," combines all facets of Public Safety under one roof, yet one part of the building has remained unused – the flag pole. It has remained so because Department of Defense regulations permit the flying of only one U.S.

flag on an installation.

In January, a new flag was raised on the pole at Building 911. The unique Public Safety flag bears a new emblem depicting three major entities of Public Safety united under a single control center. "Salus Populi Suprema Lex," a quote from Cicero, was selected as a guiding motto and translates to, "The Safety of the Public is the Supreme Law." The design represents the greater unity and esprit de corps within the division.



***DDSP Police Captains Michael Lee and Leonard Rutter display the Public Safety Division Flag.***



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