



Retired Marine Corps Veteran, Mr. William “Bill” Flynn

Retired Marine Corps Veteran, Mr. William “Bill” Flynn’s life was forever changed on November 17, 2019. Mr. Bill served in the Vietnam War from 1959 to 1962. He was in the elite jump school and swim school during his time of service. 79 years young, Mr. Bill is married with 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren & lives in Baton Rouge. He has spent his retirement years working on his farm, spending time with his family and working out at the gym. On November 17th, after finishing a 6-mile ride on the exercise bike, Mr. Bill moved over to work out on the inversion table, which collapsed on top of him. He sustained a C-spine injury which required surgery. After his surgery, he was only able to move his lips. He was transferred to a rehab center out of area, where he experienced more complications.

Once he returned to his home in Baton Rouge, Mr. Bill began the Day Treatment Program at Baton Rouge Rehab on March 10th (1 week before COVID -19). He would come to rehab three times a week in a power chair. Working with our PT and OT, he was determined to walk again. Mr. Bill stated, “the doctors told me that I would never walk again but this just gave me something to fight for. My goals are to use my hands, stand & balance myself & most of all walk out of this place. I would also like to be able to drive my new truck!!”

Courtney Boyles, DPT states “Mr. Flynn has been such a pleasure to treat. He has made such great progress throughout his time in physical therapy and is now walking long distances with a cane and shorter distances without assistance. His determination and positive outlook on life have fast tracked his progress (in my opinion) and made such a positive impact on all of our lives. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for him!”

During one of his therapy sessions while working on marching in place, he told the therapist “I did a lot of marching in the Marines. You would think with all the obstacles he has faced over these last few months his attitude would be of despair. But Mr. Bill has a great positive outlook on life and has made wonderful progress with his therapy. He is now able to walk with a cane.

Thank you, Mr. Bill Flynn, for your service & continuing to bless us & those around you.

