

Nadia McCaffrey Gold Star Mother, CA



Nadia McCaffrey was born in Paris and grew-up in the province of Auvergne, France, she studied the Arts, and nursing. She married an American, Bob McCaffrey; she immigrated to California, United States in the 60's. She is the founder of Angel-staff, a group of trained volunteers who bring a caring presence to terminally ill and their families. Her son, Sergeant Patrick R. McCaffrey Sr., was killed by Iraqi soldiers in an ambush near Balad, Iraq on June 22, 2004; since, Nadia has traveled internationally, speaking of her son's life and death, his legacy, his 2 children, Janessa and Patrick Jr, she gives a face to the war by telling people Patrick's story. She speaks about his compassion that he had for everyone to his last moment trying to help and protect his fellow soldiers and the Iraqi children.

Nadia McCaffrey has become an international voice for peace, Justice and responsibility in government. She has been featured world wide in over 30 documentaries, she has appeared in Paula Zahn show, Aaron Brown, Good Morning America, Today Show, Morning on CNN, Dan Rather Reports, Le Point TV (Radio-Canada) etc, many radio shows (BBC, NPR) magazines (including Vanity Fair), newspapers, etc...

In memory of Patrick, she now has dedicated the rest of her life to helping the war veterans coming home; she wants to give them a second home where they can unwind and reclaim their lives, giving them the opportunity to be able to create a better future for themselves and their families with proper training and care. The Center will allow them to face tomorrow with PTSD and other unseen scars and keep it under control.