

# 2021 Annual Report

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And just like that...we're 40. Yes, your classmate who jumped from Mac Short onto a mattress pile now enters life's fifth decade. The [Barracks Linebacker](#) is 40. Even your roommate who ate Dong Fong all semester and made the room smell like soy sauce is now 40. Where has the time gone?

I recently heard General Petraeus address a small group of founder-CEOs, many from Post 9/11 classes. He brought up the Greatest Generation, and reminded us: "it's not what the Greatest Generation did *in the service*, it's what they did *after their service* that made them great."

As I look around at what our classmates are up to—both those who have stayed in and those who got out—I know that the Greatest Generation would be proud. But what we see on the outside can be different from what happens on the inside. Regardless of our professional successes, many of us struggle—from cancer to PTSD to our relationships. Since 2016, **we are losing one classmate to suicide every 18 months**. Read that again.

As such, this year's annual report is dedicated to two classmates we lost over the last twelve months, Ben Neusse and Shaun Wheelwright. Both were veterans of multiple combat deployments. Both were our friends. Both were lost too soon. Shaun leaves behind sons Desmond (14) and Aidric (12), for whom we have set up a scholarship fund that you can [contribute to here](#).

How else do we help? Here's a quick summary of what we've been up to:

- Raised over \$50,000 over the last twelve months to support classmates and their families in the form of scholarships, travel for families, get-well baskets, etc.;
- In partnership with Paintru and Steel Hearts, commissioned portraits of every classmate killed in combat or training, which will be presented to their families;
- Produced a [video](#) commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, told from the perspective of those who were at West Point at the time, and what it meant for their military service;
- Supported the delivery of flowers to the families of classmates lost in combat or training on Memorial Day; and
- Launched the [Get Stronger](#) campaign to provide mental health and wellness resources for those in need.

We also formed a committee to memorialize the 105 West Point graduates lost to the Global War on Terror since 9/11, together with other classes. I invite you to [connect with us](#) to share your perspective on this project as we explore commissioning a physical structure to be built in their honor.

These initiatives are made possible by you, through your support of time, participation, and financial resources. We want to recognize the year's many donors, whose names are included at the back of this report. **Thank you.**

We launched the Strong Gray Line in 2020 for three purposes: ***honor our fallen classmates, support their families and those classmates in need, and build a legacy of service.***



Robert "Will" Revels, President



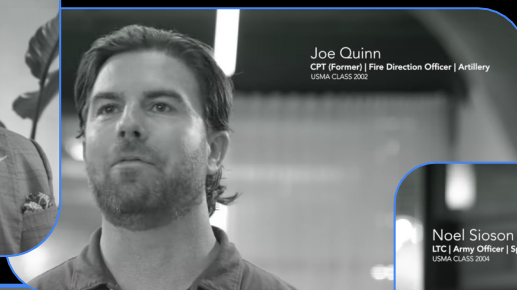
2021 marked the unveiling of the Buffalo Soldier Monument at West Point,

...and 20 years since the tragedies of 9/11 that shaped our generation. With the support of our donors and the creative direction of Haley Uthlaut and [Government Content](#), Strong Gray Line paused to remember 9/11.

Thank you to Noel Sioson, Jack Morrow, Joe Quinn, Tia Terry, and Will Revels for sharing their stories. We are passionate about opportunities for our community to *connect, remember, and heal*. We encourage you to reflect. We hope you will tell your story.

# STRONG GRAY LINE REMEMBERS 9/11:

Check out our [YouTube Channel](#)



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# 2021 FINANCIALS

## Fundraising

Online Fundraising	\$16,066.37	
Checks	\$ 5,038.53	
AmazonSmile	\$ 46.37	
		<i>Total</i> \$21,151.27

## Disbursements

9/11 Tribute Video Production	\$ 4,800.00	
Support to Fallen Ranger School Student	\$ 253.00	
Cancer Care Package	\$ 178.08	
		<i>Total</i> \$5,231.08

## Administrative Costs

*Total* \$490.85

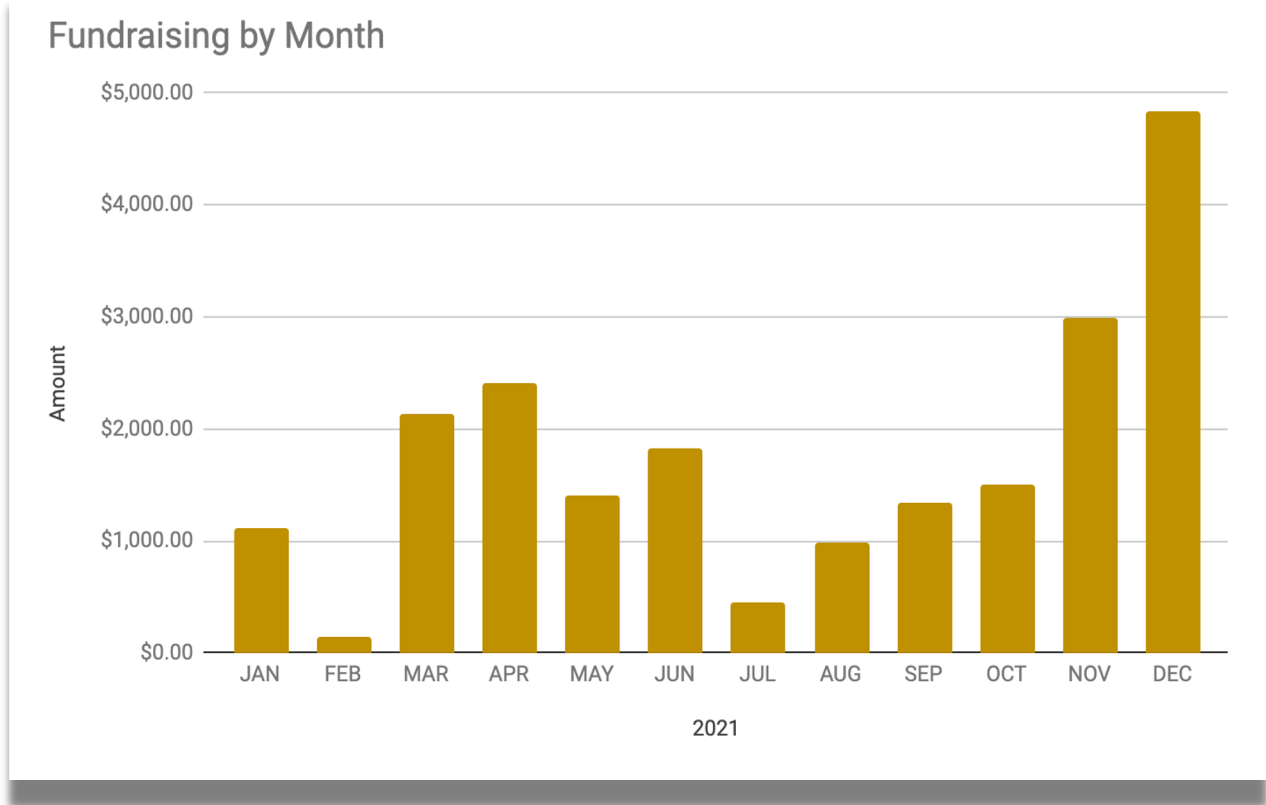
Cash on hand December 31, 2021 \$27,060.97

As of **December 31, 2021** we have **\$27,060.97** of funds on hand. We raised **\$21,151.27** this year (*after transaction fees of \$450.16*).

We distributed **\$5,231.08** in program support this year. Highlights include support in memory of Sierra Symonette's Ranger School classmate, cancer care package for classmate, and production of 9/11 Anniversary video. Our support of the Alaska Trip for the Recla family was put on hold due to COVID.

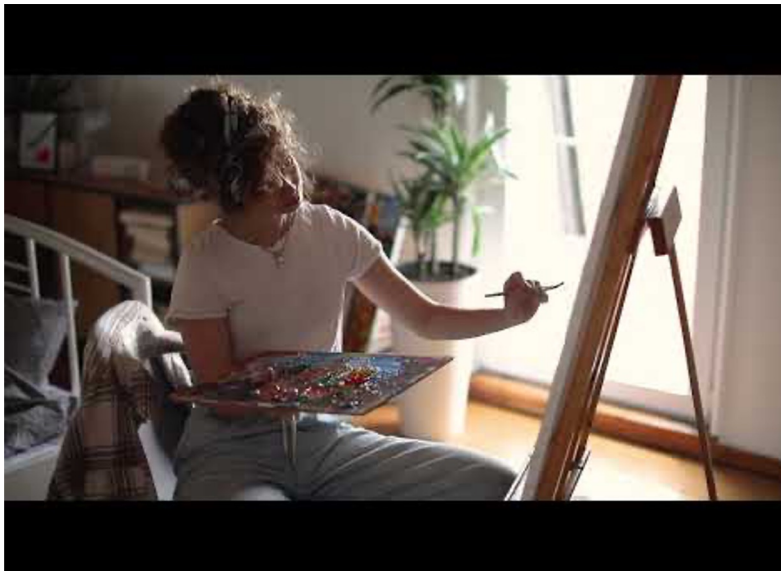
We spent **\$490.85** on operational expenses, primarily Zoom, checks, and stationery. No members of the board receive compensation, and we paid no labor costs in 2021.

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We exited 2021 with **30** monthly recurring donations totaling a net **\$1,085.81** (includes \$12.51 of transaction fees covered by donors). We also have **1** quarterly recurring donation of **~\$50.12**.

# 2021 PROGRAMS



In November 2021, we were proud to announce our support of the partnership between **Steel Hearts and Paintru** in an effort to paint every US service academy graduate killed while serving during the Global War on Terror. We are raising money to support the cost for the members of the Class of 2004 to honor their service and continue our own commitment to the ideals of service. Learn more [here!](#)



The **SGL “Get Stronger” Campaign** aims to support the mental health and wellness needs of our community. With the overwhelming amount of resources available on mental health and wellness topics, we hope to inspire our community to strive for better by doing self-assessments, connecting with others, and asking for help to complete more intensive programs. We are passionate about supporting the needs of our classmates; we are passionate about becoming stronger together. We believe that pausing to recognize that you need or want support for your mental health is not a sign of weakness, but rather an act of courage, a sign of **strength!** Check out our resource page [here!](#)



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