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## Medics: D-Day is Near and There's A Call to Arms

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As we embark as a nation towards a journey into dark, uncharted waters, many issues remain unresolved and questions still go unanswered.

When will this be over?

How do I know what to do?

Are we ever going to get through this?

Those answers will remain unknown. What has been answered

thus far is- are there enough medical resources? No, there isn't. Personal protective equipment, ventilators, N95 masks, test kits all run low and there's virtually nothing law enforcement can do about it.

But there is one thing that can be done about the situation. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor DeBlasio delivered a press conference and put out a call to arms for medics everywhere to get involved in this pandemic. For all former and current medical staffers whose services are not being utilized or are under- utilized, you can volunteer and head towards the New York Metro area. Every hospital is about to hit its apex and the resources will be strained to its limits, likely exceeded them.

The New York City area has always been viewed by the international community as being one of the most dynamic cultural hotspots in the world. Many of us are local residents to New York City and sometimes we take it for granted. But there's not a single person in any developed country that doesn't know where Times Square is- and right now she is in trouble.

Many of you law enforcement officers have spent time in the military or know officers that have. And for those that have spent time in the Army I'm sure you know a few 68 Whiskeys, or combat medics, that are now out of the business. Start there. Ask them to dust off their medical skills and head to the epicenter of the Coronavirus- as any true Soldier would.

If you are the medical professional, this is your D-Day. This is the critical battle of the war where we can turn the tide and start winning this thing.

Mel Gibson as William Wallace in Braveheart put taking advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity perfectly in his speech to his Soldiers, "And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance, just one



chance to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom.”

That is where we are right now- today. If you're a medical professional that fits this bill, now is your chance to fight back. Now is your chance to define your passion and join the crusade towards victory. Our history is filled with heroes who stepped up but not with anyone that backed away. Show the world and even yourself that you have the courage to fight and stop saying to yourself *this is someone else's problem*. This is a human problem, an American problem, our problem.

Do your part whether it's spreading the word or gearing up and volunteering. Just do your part. And together we can storm the beach, overcome the enemy, save lives and put an end to this pandemic.

For more information on how you can help, go to [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov) or [covid19.nj.gov](http://covid19.nj.gov)



Wendy Gillette, news anchor, prepares for broadcast at an eerily quiet Times Square- the epicenter of the Coronavirus.

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