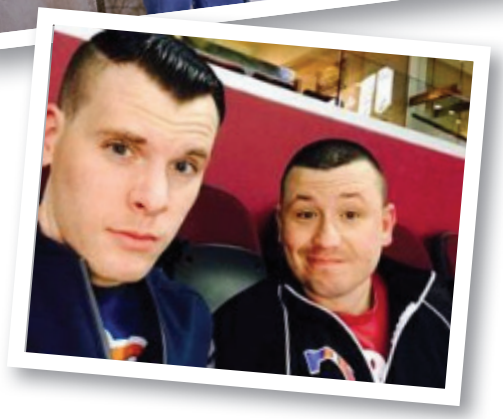
John and Greg

About Us



We first began talking with each other in 2011 when Greg was stationed in Virginia, Cuba, and throughout the Pacific and John was in Spain. Although we weren't in the same room, town, or even country there was something special every time we spoke (even though it was about exciting things as military pay and deployment orders). In 2013, John got stationed in Boise, Idaho and when sent for training in Maryland asked Greg if he wanted to meet up to finally get to meet in person. The visit was only supposed to be for a day or two but lasted the entire week. After that we were hooked and in two months Greg moved to Idaho and we have been together ever since. We got married in 2014 in Portland, Oregon.

We have three dogs (Buddy Love, Buckeye, & Louie), who are just as spoiled as any dogs should be. Buddy Love runs the house despite being the smallest of the dogs. Buckeye loves affection and playing fetch. Louie is our protector and yet the biggest cuddler.

We moved back home after our military careers so that we could be near family when we have children. Greg works for the government, helping with retirements and annuities for military families. John works in human resources for a local sports team. We both have Bachelor degrees and have been going to schools for our Masters. We love spending our time going to thrifts stores, working out, going to ballgames, and spending time with family.

about john (written by Greg)

John is my whole universe and much more. Words don't begin to express this colorful and great person I get to call my Husband. When people use or utter the phrase that they wish they could find their soul mate, I think to myself how lucky I am because I really did in John. He is there to pick me up through the hardest falls in life, and those falls have been the toughest anyone could imagine. He's always had my back and pushed me to do the things I want to do in life despite not believing in myself at times. With him I feel I can and have accomplish greatness by having a place to call home, a family that cares and sees us as equal. John the most caring person I have ever met in the world and I've literally seen a lot of the world. In sum there are very few words that can sum up what John is to me. I feel like I didn't start living till I met John. I didn't know fun or joy till I met and married John. Before I go to sleep every night in my head I always think to myself how lucky I am to have this person in my life. I admire his strength and determination in life to always be positive despite the hardships and unknown. He's a motivator, a mentor, a great friend when you need one and a truly amazing husband, and I would like to see him as a father or parent together with me.

about greg (written by John)

Greg is my best friend and the most important person to me. The moment he came into my life it changed. Once I met him and saw his smile, I knew I had to be with him. He is the hardest working and driven person I have ever met. After leaving the military, he worked from his Associates degree to now being one class shy of his Masters in just 5 years. When he wants something or to help someone, he makes it happen. He amazes me every day with something that he does, whether it is fixing up our aunts' homes, making scrapbooks so that we can have memories to share with our kids or anyone who comes to our home, or when we go into a thrift store and he can pick up something off the shelf and tell me the history of where it came from, how it was made, and why it is unique. I have always wanted to be a father but now I dream of watching Greg with our children, knowing that I get to hear them call him Dad.

About Our Family

We have a very large family, 4 siblings on Greg's side and 5 on John's. We have 13 nieces and nephews plus too many aunts, uncles, and cousins to count. Our family loves to get together for dinner, playing cards, going to ballgames, and watching fireworks during the summer. Our families provide us with such amazing support system, and we love to spend time with them. Our families have been so supportive and excited for the journey that we are going through to grow our family and cannot wait to meet the newest member of the family (They will instantly become the favorite). The most influential people in our family are no longer with us but their love is constantly felt. Greg's Twin Brother Tony was Greg's best friend. They did everything together and knew that no matter what happened they were there for each other. Although they weren't identical, it was hard telling them apart. Greg's Great Grandmother Martha love for family, cooking, antiques, and enjoying life have all instilled in his life and helped him become the man that he is. John's Sito (Grandmother) Minnie, was the centerpiece of his family and everyone knew if they ever needed anyone they could count on her. John's Great Grandmother Polly had no better joy in life than cooking a delicious meal (usually pozole and sopapillas) for her family around the table.

Baseball Game with Greg's Family

Greg's twin brother Tony and his wife Alyssia

John's sister Aubrie, her husband Corey, and nephews Carson and Houston

Greg's sister-in-Law Amber and niece Jessi

John's Mom, Cindy, stepfather, Paco, and the boys

Greg's parents Nancy and Mike

Greg's nephews, Nolan and Christopher, and niece Cheyenne

John's Aunt Kim, Aunt Tina, Aunt Paula, Aunt Vicki, and Aunt Jill

Greg's nieces, Ella and Grayce

Fireworks, Rain and a Walk-off with John's Family

Our Home

We currently live in a spacious two-bedroom apartment home but are looking to buy a bigger home sometime next year. Our home has plenty of room for children to play and when we buy our new home we want it to be our permanent home for years to come. It is important to us to have a home with room for our future kids, our dogs, a yard to play in, space for John to have his garden, and a perfect place for Greg's Christmas tree.

from nancy
(Greg's Mom)

We have 6 beautiful grandbabies to this day and can't wait for Greg and John to bless us with more. My heart is filled with joy and love that they decided to expand their family and add more children. Greg is my heart and soul and my closest son of all five, even though being away many years to pursue his education and life. I'm the proudest momma ever of him. He is a caretaker and nurturer. He's always thoughtful and loving and goes out his way for his family, especially his momma. Greg and John will make the best of parents together.

from cindy
(John's Mom)

I am so proud of the man my son John Michael has become. He has overcome a lot of obstacles and diversities throughout his childhood and young adulthood. He has such a loving spirit and thrives to do his best in all the areas of his life. I know in my heart, he will be an amazing, loving and awesome dad. He and Greg love each other very much and that love will without a doubt overflow to their baby! I am very excited and look forward to being a Grandma again soon!

fun facts

Greg

Occupation: Military Pay Technician

Education: Bachelors and Masters in Legal Studies

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite TV/Movie: This is Us and Disney Movies

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite Vacation: The Beach

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Cartoon: Marvin the Martian

Hobbies: Sports, Running, Arts and Crafts, and Spending time with family

John

Occupation: Human Resources

Education: Bachelors in Nutrition Science and Masters in Sports and Health Sciences

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite TV/Movie: Golden Girls and any Disney Movie

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Vacation: The Beach

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Cartoon: Looney Tunes/Winnie the Pooh

Hobbies: Watching and Following Sports, finding old Disney items at a thrift store and playing cards with family

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for taking the time to read about our lives and give us the chance to make that life part of a bigger dream to become a family. We have an unconditional love which we want to put into a family/ child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption! Even though we do not know you yet, we have a great amount of respect and admiration for you. We cannot truly understand everything you are going through but please know we offer our sincere support for as long as you need it. Wherever your journey leads you, we hope you find comfort in knowing that your sacrifice means more than words could ever convey to a childless couple such as ourselves. As you make your important decisions, we hope that this glimpse into our lives will help you to know us better and have the utmost confidence your baby is in safe, loving hands for life.

Our story didn't have the typical love story beginning. We were stationed far away from each other in the United States Marine Corps yet constantly working with each other from afar to support the United States in its Wartime efforts. The relationship grew off of phone conversations and emails, not dates and moments together. Yet one day when we finally got the chance to meet and be near each other, we knew it was right. That moment people talk about when you can't explain it, you just know, had happened. We are excited about our journey to adopt and be the greatest dads. For us the choice was an easy one, a natural one, fulfilling one as we believe it is a huge honor and privilege to become adoptive parents.

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What Adoption Means to Us

Adoption, to us, means the greatest gift of love that could ever be given or could ever be received. We have no other real way to describe will be the most precious and selfless gift that we will ever get. Adoption means living a life we always wanted, and loving every minute of it. Adoption means leaving your heart wide open and accepting the vulnerability that comes with it. Adoption means living your life in awe of the sacrifice someone else made for your happiness and the happiness of your child. Adoption means kisses, hugs, snuggles, and playtime are of importance. Adoption will open our eyes to another culture, even ethnicity, widen the horizons of our family, enrich all our lives, and bring us and the child so much love and happiness. Our family will be complete through adoption. We cannot see our family any other way. We want to bring love and happiness to a child regardless of race or cultural backgrounds. We are prepared for late night talks about how our family is "special" and why some people can make rude comments. By becoming two daddies, instead of mommy and daddy, we are already "special" and we will not let any cultural or racial difference get in the way of having a loving family.