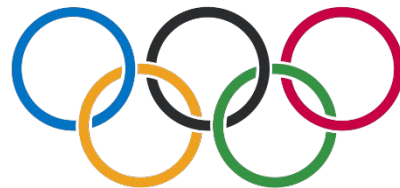


An Olympic Dream that Inspired the World by Termite Watkins



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ATHENS 2004



ARETE HONOR



Greetings! Phil 4:13

I Am a Christian, we need to put God back into our lives, our country. This country was built on “In God We Trust”, it’s time we start trusting in God again.

One of the great things about this story is that it brings all religions and people together, Hindus, Muslims, Christians, all races and colors.

It’s a story about hope and overcoming!



My Goal: Entertain, motivate, excite you about being free, and living in the
greatest country in the world!

If you can't tell by now, I'm a PROUD American!

Everything that we need, everyone we need for our success is always right around us.
God never sends us anywhere without providing everything we need for our SUCCESS.



My story took place in Iraq,
but it's not about Iraq, the war, or the politics.
My story is about people helping people, freedom,
overcoming obstacles, opportunity, passion, and finding a way.



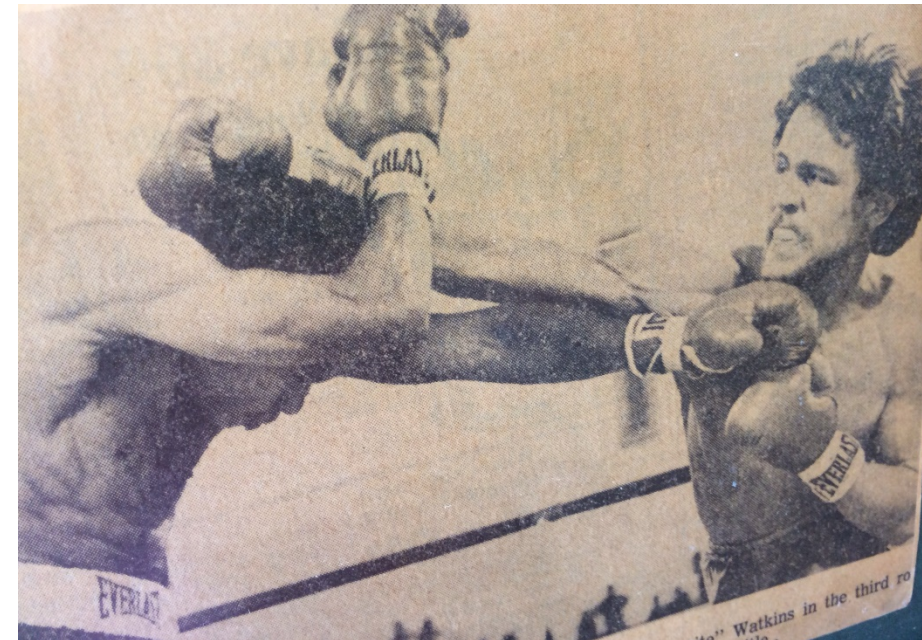
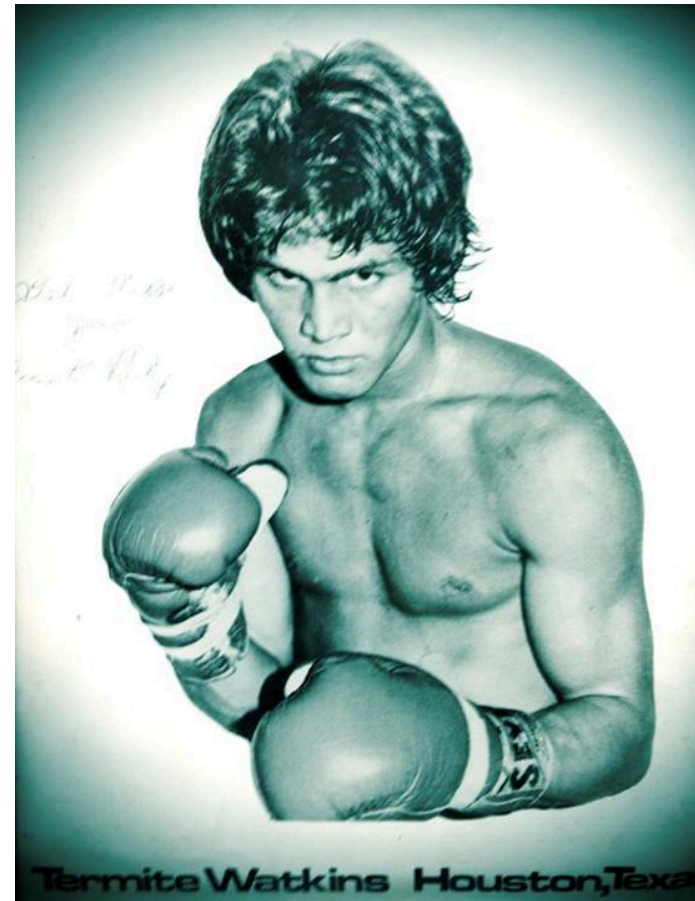
BOXING CAREER

Amateur Record – 128 Wins 10 Losses

First 16 year old National Golden Gloves Champion

Professional Record – 58 Wins/5 Losses/2 Draws 48 by knock-out

World Title Championship Fight 1980



- Worked in my family pest control business, Champion Exterminating.
- Went into the car business, made it into the top 2% in the nation.
- Felt a call of God that it was **my time to do my part** to be a servant in Iraq through pest control.



KUWAIT

Supervisor - Good News and Bad News

- stopped at border for briefing
- need everyone's eyes
- there's an enemy out there



1st Day met Brig. Gen. “Buck” Walters

- I took a stand



2nd Day met British Col. Stephen Bruce



Several weeks later met **Mr. Mike Gfellow** –

- What are the chances of getting boxing team together and getting them into the Olympics? Maybe a **one in a million**.
- Great only need one don't need the million. **Get it done!**
- Went outside visiting w/soldiers, heard you're new Iraqi coach.
I am, don't know where to get a team. I do, I can help.



Sheik Fahad

Kuwait Olympic Committee

- sporting good store
- call IOC/60 days trying, finally said yes



3 OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

1st Qualifier-Phillipines

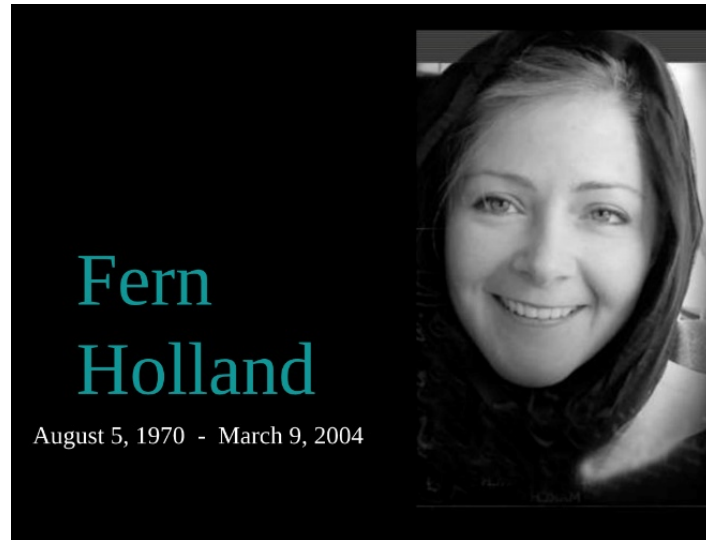
-things didn't go our way/Anwar Chowdhry

- Palawan



Fern Holland

- One morning before leaving she asked,
How do you feel, we lost our security?
 - shot, killed



2nd Qualifier-China

China lied

- turned down 30 days straight/last day looks like won't go to Olympics
- heard of abc, nbc, cbs, fox, Pres Bush
- no need to call Pres Bush



3rd Qualifier-Pakistan

-Called American Embassy/Fought/Robbed of decisions

-Thailand boxer fought

You can ALWAYS find a way!



Mr. Gfellow

- Come go with me...mass graves/30,000
- Why are we here?
- These people didn't have a chance,
we are here to help give them freedom!



We made it to the Olympics on a Wild Card.

NEVER take your freedom for granted!

