

## Captain Boyd Melson Returns To Ring On May 19

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New York, NY (April 21, 2011) - US Army Captain and multi-time amateur champion Boyd "Rainmaker" Melson will return to the ring against an opponent to be named in a four round junior middleweight bout Thursday, May 19 at the Roseland Ballroom in his hometown of New York, NY.

Following an amateur career where he defeated the likes of Deandre Latimore and Keith Thurman, Melson's won his first two professional bouts. However, the 29 year old West Point graduate's story expands far beyond what he can do inside the squared circle.

For his third time in as many fights, Melson will donate his entire purse to "Justadollarplease," a Non-Profit set up to raise the much needed funds for the first spinal cord injury trial in the United States using umbilical cord stem cells.

"I'm hoping we can raise the funds to get the trial date set," said Melson, who raised thousands of dollars just from both of his fight purses and generous donations from fans that were in attendance. "We need all of the help possible and every dollar helps us get one step closer to potentially improving at least one human being's life."

Although he has plenty on his plate, including a full time corporate job and Army Reserve responsibilities in addition to the umbilical cord stem cell trial, Melson is training hard to deliver a strong performance.

"My intensity level entering the ring will be much higher this time. I am planning to bring back the same energy that I had when I was training full time in the Army's World Class Athlete Program but still make intelligent choices at the same time. I am definitely looking forward to giving all of those in attendance that support my causes along with whatever it is that I represent a continued reason to believe that miracles can happen one punch at a time."

Tickets are available by calling 631-492-0041 and the Roseland Ballroom is located at 239 West 52nd Street.