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When did you enter the military?

“August 05”

How old were you when you joined?

“18”

What boot camp did you go to?

“Parris Island in South Carolina Marine Corp Depot”

How long was the boot camp?

“91 days, 13 weeks”

Did you go to a second boot camp?

“I went to a school of infantry after that. In Jacksonville North Carolina Camp Geiger.”

What branch of the military were you in?

“The marines”

On a daily basis what type of equipment would you use?

“M-16 rifles. When I was deployed? Or when I was in Hawaii base?”

What rank did you achieve?

“I achieve all the way to sergeant”

Were you ever wounded while in the military?

“ Yes”

Are you able to say how?

“Road side bomb; An IED detonated and shattered my tibia.”

Did you recover fully?

“Not really”

Were you in any well known campaigns battles?

“Battle of havitha, and the clearing the hadifa tribe

Did you receive any awards or medals for your time and service?

“Navy achievement medal purple heart a bunch of other ones like the Good conduct medal that’s about it the rest were medals and ribbons from where I was deployed.” ???

When you were in the military what would a normal average day consist of?

“Just training, just pretty much training”

What was your normal or most common routine while you were at battle?

“House clearing, just going house to house”

What type of firearms did you use?

“I had an m16 with a two or three grenade attachment.”

While at war what helped you to pass the time?

“Just making sure everything got done. The more busy I was the quicker things went.”

While at war what helped you get through the hard times?

“Keeping busy and keeping my mind off things. Focusing on one task making sure it was complete then moving on to another. The day would end and we would get a couple hours of sleep and then just keep going.”

Do you happen to be in contact with any of the people you served with?

“Yeah”

Did you ever receive care packages while you were in the marines?

“Yeah”

Can you tell us about it?

“It was just like beef jerky candy, letters things like that.”

Who would you write to?

“My family and friends”

When you came home from the service did your perspective on anything change?

“I think I was different in that I was a lot more laid back about things. I didn’t care about stupid small things.”

Is there anything you would like to add?

“Not really”

Thank you for your service