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Period 2

Mrs. Powers

Stephen Enochs

Stephen was born in 1980, and his family already had a military background with his dad serving in the Marines, because his dad was a Marine his family moved around a lot and he lived in Japan when he was eight years old, He moved back to America when he was ten years old. So this was a big push for Steven to join the military later on in his life. Joining the Marines was a big step because Stephen had recently started a new family with a daughter. Steven then spent 12 weeks at Camp Pendleton to become a United States Marine. He endured vigorous training mentally and physically, He overcame all the obstacles even while suffering two injuries during his time there.

Steven Enochs was a Marine in the Iraq war, he did a tour there, and was deployed in Japan prior to Iraq. In Japan he visited Camp Fuji, while in Japan he did not see any war but he was able to hangout in Japan and climb Mt.Fuji itself. Then in Iraq he was stationed at Camp Fallujah. In Iraq Steven was a Combat replacement and was put on security at Camp Fallujah. The base was constantly attacked by motor hit and runs and it usually wasn't a big deal, never really caused real damage to the base or personal. On one occasion, while Steven was patrolling around the base he heard the sound of two mortar being launched. He was the only one who heard the second mortar go off. He searched and found where the second motor hit one of the resting tents and injured several soldiers, but the good thing is that no one was killed.

In another incident in Iraq Steven had to carry out a mission to another camp several miles away from camp he was stationed at. On the way there one of the Humvees kept on breaking down, this situation was extremely dangerous because they were out in the open and could be ambushed at any time. This made them arrive at the new base later in the day. Since the one humvee was damaged they decided to leave it at the base. Stehen had to change humvees. One of Steven's friends told Steven to get in one of the humvees and said he would meet him shortly in that humvee. Steven got into that humvee and waited but his friend never came. Steven assumed his friend got into another humvee. The convoy then took off, headed back to the main camp. Humvees had to travel a certain distance apart so if an IED went off it wouldn't danger other vehicles and cause a chain reaction. Half way back to the base a humvee ran over an IED and blew up the right side of the humvee with a loud BOOM! They tried inspecting the blown up humvee only to start getting shot at by the insurgents. The convoy got into a firefight and held off their position. After that, the convoy got a look at the destroyed humvee to find Stephen's friend with metal shrapnel going through the back of his head, instantly killing him. The good thing, is that there was only one casualty in the convoy. After this stephen then went on to get promoted to Corporal. This made Steven feel like he earned his time in Iraq and he served his country to the best of his ability and people noticed. As soon as he was given the chance to leave he took that chance. On the last day, his friend supplied Cuban cigars that he had been saving since they got there, and since they're illegal in the United States, it was a fun moment when they lit them up while waiting for the helicopter to pick them up, to celebrate their last day in Iraq.

When Enochs arrived back home his friends and family celebrated his return for being a hero and defending Americans with his life. Enochs then went to apply to be a sheriff in Hemet,

California. His military background helped obtain his new found career as a sheriff. He has been a Sheriff 9 years now, and as of right now he works graveyard shift. But at least now he can go home everyday to his family. Throughout his time as a sheriff he has only been through four physical confrontations, and has never been in a shooting. Overall Steven has done two deployments, one in Japan and a tour in Iraq, and traveled to different places around the world. This has all shaped his life and set him up for a good future. To this day he still continues to provide for America by not only being a sheriff, but as well as letting kids know today what has happened in America's history and to keep up the respect.