

David Kopera



Enlisted in October, 2000 as a college student. Arrived at San Diego the following January and completed Recruit Training and Infantry Training Battalion and returned to Michigan to commence duty with Alpha Co, 1st Bn 24th Marines as a reserve infantry Rifleman, while continuing to attend college and resuming civilian employment. Deployed Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, adjacent to Somalia from January through September of 2003 as base security and TRAP team for Special Operations Command forces at Camp Lamonier Second combat deployment was August 2006 in Fallujah, Iraq tasked as the main effort for the Regimental Combat Team in Fallujah and surrounding environs. Wounded during combat operations by a sniper's round above the left eye, and subsequently evacuated back to the US for recovery. Medically retired



30 July 2009, following two years of limited duty and rehabilitation. Currently active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Marine Corps League(holding officers' billets in both) and volunteering at local community center.

ACCOMODATIONS: Bronze Star w/V device, Purple Heart, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M and 2 devices(for 2 Combat Deployments as a Reserve Component)

BOOT CAMP: San Diego, CA MOS: 0311 Infantry

FIRST DUTY STATION: A Co, 1st Bn, 24th Marines. RANK: Sergeant (E-5)

DISCHARGED: 30 July 2009