

## Dean R. Alexander

## United States Army

Dean joined the United States Army Reserve in July, 1986. He was trained as a helicopter mechanic at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He served in that capacity until October, 1988. At that same time in October, 1988, he started serving in the active United States Army Airborne Infantry at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served until July, 1992. During that same month in 1992, he made the change to serve with the Missouri Army National Guard, Military Police and remained with them until May, 1992.

Dean served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

After a break in service, Dean rejoined the Missouri Army National Guard in September, 2001. He went on active duty during 2001-2002, serving at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, with the Military Police. In 2002-2003, he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served with the

2175<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company. He had been in a stop-loss after his reenlistment in 2001 after September 11, 2001. It was for this reason he was deployed again. His stop loss expired while in country and he was discharged from there in November, 2003.

Dean has been awarded a Good Conduct Medal, and in Dean's words, "a few Army Achievement Medals, nothing fancy or extravagant."

Dean has been a police officer for almost 25 years, the last 22 in a large Missouri city. He has been a member of the County Regional SWAT team since 2005. He has been involved in numerous incidents in which peoples' lives were saved. He carries in his patrol car an "Emergency Bag" that contains things that might be needed to help save someone's life.

Dean serves on the Executive Board for the Fallen Hero's Dream Ride. They provide events for Gold Star Families.

Dean and his wife, Jennifer, have one son and one daughter. He was honored to receive a Quilt of Valor from the Saint Charles Chapter.

Saint Charles Daughters very proudly honor and recognize Dean R. Alexander as Patriot of the Month and extend to him their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his very dedicated, patriotic service to his community and to our great nation.