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Patriot of the Month

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**Victor Brewer**

**United States Marine Corps**



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Victor Brewer enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program for the Marine Corps in 1986. This prepared and ensured him the privilege to join the Marine Corps, which was his boyhood dream. He called the recruiter and accepted the open contract of a Heavy Equipment Engineer. He was sent to Basic Training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA on July 1, 1988, his son's birthday.

His assignments after basic training were: Advance Warfare Training at San Onofre, California; Marine Corps Engineering School, Lejeune, North Carolina; and Fleet Marine Force, Twentynine Palms, California.

Victor was then deployed to Okinawa Japan to the 9th Engineer Support Battalion. This was a general and direct engineering support of the Marines. His next assignment was in South Korea and then to Cherry Point, North Carolina at the Marine Corps Air Station.

He then requested to be sent to Drill Instructor School at Parris Island, South Carolina, which is the premier leadership school in the Marine Corps. After serving three years, he was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood to be an Instructor at the Engineer School. For two years he trained all the military services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines.

Victor was then assigned to the Enlisted Assignment Monitors at Quantico, Virginia. He said, "There were 5,500 Marines to assign to new duty stations. We would look at the needs of the Marine Corps and the needs of the individual Marine." He worked with the Pentagon and the Victory Units assigning Marines to Combat Zones.

When it was time for retirement, Victor thought of all the young men and women whom he had to assign to combat and wouldn't return home to their families. His profound statement was, "I couldn't retire with a clear conscience." So, he chose to go to the next Victory Unit in preparation for deployment to Iraq. After further training at Twentynine Palms, California, Victor was deployed to Iraq in 2006 for an eight-month tour. His main mission was a Heavy Equipment Operator and to build landing zones.



Back to Fort Leonard Wood, he fulfilled his passion for teaching as he taught staff and warrant officers and non-commissioned officers totaling 23 Instructors. Ironically, twenty years after entry in the Marines, Victor retired on July 1, 2008, his son's birthday.

His awards included: Rifle Expert Badge, Pistol Expert Badge, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, Letter of Appreciation, Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award), and Meritorious Mast.

One of the most memorable events that Victor shared was his experience helping the Leper colony in Okinawa, Japan. The Marines groomed trails, fixed bridges, etc. in the colony. The lepers had never seen an American and were shy and withdrawn towards them. On this one instance, Victor reached out to shake an elderly woman's hand and touched her on the arm. She was amazed and spread the word in the colony that the Americans liked them. This established a friendly relationship, and they were invited into their homes.

After retirement, Victor developed an interest in Drag Racing. But with teaching in his heart, he was a Traveling Engineer Instructor for the next six years. In the community, he volunteered for Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit whose mission is to build strong, stable and secure military families so they can thrive in the communities.

The best advice that he received in the military was from a Gunnery Sergeant, "Failure is not an option." And this was true for Victor Brewer as he quoted in his own words, "Sometimes the best medicine isn't a pill you take or something in your veins. It is simply good people and good places."

Presently married to Diana Brewer, they have a blended family of 5 boys and 6 grandchildren.

The Daughters of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter DAR are proud to nominate Master Sergeant Victor Brewer as Patriot of the Month and extend their gratitude for his patriotic service and commitment to our great nation.