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Jacob Schmidt

United States Army

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Jacob Schmidt was recruited by the Marine Corps out of his Florissant, MO hometown with plans to serve four years and come home to join a police department, which he later did. He originally wanted to be in the Army, like his grandfather, but he kept missing the Army recruiter at his office and one day he met Marine Corps recruiter Gunnery Sergeant Shoeman. Jake saw him wearing his dress blues and knew that that was for him. His mother did not want him to join up and would not sign the paperwork that was required because he was only seventeen. He called the recruiter on July 8, 1998 and they drove to downtown St. Louis and he enlisted with a ship date of August 2, 1998. He attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego after high school and then came home for recruiting duty before shipping off to Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He then attended training at 29 Palms Marine Corps Base for Communication School before being assigned to Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, NC. He worked there for a year and one half before volunteering to fill an open position as a communicator on a ship. He transferred to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and was assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. He served in two deployments, one before 9/11 and one after. The morning of 9/11, he was on base and heard the news and then watched on the television. Everyone knew at that moment that our lives would change and his unit started to prepare for deployment. They were a ship within 3 days heading overseas. After his service, he moved back home to St. Louis, joined the police academy and he has been a police officer ever since with twenty years of service. He says that the Marine Corps was the best four years of his life with so many valuable experiences that have paved the way for him. The Marine Corps has been the one thing that has opened every door for him and developed him into the person he is today.

