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### Patriot of the Month

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## Douglas Moore

### United States Army

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Douglas Moore began his Army career as an 11 Bravo – Infantryman MOS Fort Moore (fka Benning), Georgia on September 4, 2008. Upon completion of his Basic Combat Training, Moore graduated to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and Overseas Contingency Operations Support Assignments (OSA) also at Fort Moore.



He spent time training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Drum, New York where he learned from his Drill Sgt, “The reason we're so hard on you is we respect you. There are people who sign up during peace time and then those who sign up during War. Those are the people who know what they're signing up for.”

Deployment came in January 2010 to Kabul, Afghanistan. Moore was part of the HHC 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He detached from his regiment and chosen as Base Liason for Camp Alamo, Afghanistan. Camp Alamo was an inside training facility where the U.S. Army assisted in training the Afghan National Army and Police along with German, Australian, British and Mongolian Armies. Moore has good memories from this experience saying, “ These were great people and a lot of fun. One funny memory was trying to teach the Afghans to drive a stick-shift in Ford Rangers...they weren't very good at it!” He made good friends of the other soldiers and even exchanged uniforms as well as rescuing a dog named Street Rat.

Operation Enduring Freedom was a stressful time for all involved and it is highly commendable that Moore can pull good memories out of an extreme situation. He spoke of receiving awards and meeting General David Petraeus.

The effects of Post Traumatic Stress as a result of his deployment and another trauma was the turning point for Moore to seek help. Not all are able to receive the help they need to cope with their memories and civilian life. On October 31, 2011, Moore lost a good friend to suicide. This friend was Corporal Jacob Madden. The “Fight Against Suicide,” is huge and Moore founded and is Board President of the Corporal Jacob Madden Foundation as of February 2022. The foundation's focus is suicide prevention in the form of rehabilitation cost as well as covering the balance of funeral costs that the Veteran's Administration doesn't pay. “All dollars raised go to helping Veterans.”

The Veterans Coalition of Greater St. Louis awarded Douglas Moore as Afghan Vet of the Year 2023. He is a member of the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 444 and married Krissy in October 2023. They are starting a family through adoption this year. Moore will always remember his unit's motto - "Deeds Not Words. To this day is a reminder that it's the deeds you do in life not the words you speak."