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JOSEPH MICAH MCKELVY
UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
APRIL 2000 – APRIL 2009
SPECIALIST

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Joseph Micah McKelvy served in the U.S. Army National Guard from April 2000 to April 2009. He was deployed to Iraq and served during Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003.



In 2020 Joseph suffered from Bacterial meningitis, due to spending time in the Iraqi desert. The brain injuries as a result of the Bacterial Meningitis affected both his short-term and long-term memory. Because of this, his memory of what happened while stationed in Iraq and what he endured daily is gone.

He does, however, recall the bond he developed with all of his fellow soldiers. They truly were his brothers in arms. They depended on each other every day to stay alive and would do anything for each other even after they returned stateside.

If he had it to do all over again, he would do everything the same. He appreciates the military and all the support that we as a family get from them now.

Joseph earned the following awards and citations during his military service; the Army Commendation Medal (two times), Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.