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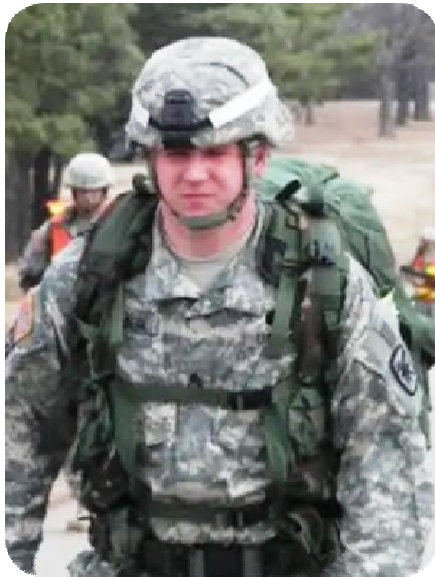
**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH
MARCH 2025**



RAY BRUNDEGE
UNITED STATES ARMY
JUNE 22, 1996 – DECEMBER 31, 2016
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-7)

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Ray Brundege was born in North Carolina. He entered the United States Army in June 1996 and attended the Basic Training and Military Police School at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He joined because he believed in serving his country and it was a family tradition. His first duty station was at Fort Meyer Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, where one of his duties was ceremonial support and VIP security. He guarded heads of state worldwide, including President Bill Clinton and other high-ranking officials within the government.

After Fort Meyer, he went to Bamberg, Germany, and deployed to the Balkans for a peacekeeping mission. He returned to the Washington, D.C., area for his third duty station at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. As soon as he arrived, he was detailed to provide security at George W. Bush's first inauguration, where he performed security for celebrities and other VIPs. He was stationed there during the September 11, 2001 attacks, anthrax attacks and the D.C. sniper.

His next stop was South Korea, where his job was to oversee the security element of an intelligence facility. After Korea, he was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division and deployed to Afghanistan. He was on a protection team in Afghanistan. At the end of his deployment, he was informed that he would be a Drill Sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. At the end of his tour as a Drill Sergeant, he volunteered to go to Iraq. He returned from deployment and was selected as a leadership instructor at the NCO Academy. He had fallen in love with Missouri and he was on the Game 1, 2011 World Series flag team for the St. Louis Cardinals. He had one more tour in Germany and then retired from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.



Ray is presently an Education and Training Specialist, National Park Service in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the liaison between the Park Service and educational facilities and is involved with veterans' events. Ray is married and the father of two.

Awards, citations and medals awarded: National Defense, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct. Ribbons: Army Service, Overseas Service, Non-Commissioned Professional Development Drill Sergeant Badge, Combat

Action Badge, Air Assault Badge. Foreign Awards: German Marksmanship Badge (Silver), German Physical Fitness Badge (Bronze), German Swimming Patch (Gold), Honorary German Mountaineering Badge, Belgian Physical Fitness (Silver), Ruck Marching Badge, Dutch Cross for the Four Day March (Nijmegen Cross), Manchu Mile belt buckle.