

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*



**STEPHANIE BUTLER**

**UNITED STATES ARMY  
CORPORAL (E-4)**

**MARCH 28, 2003 – MARCH 11, 2011  
WOUNDED IN ACTION**

*as*

**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT**

**APRIL 2025**

*Honoring Her Service and Sacrifice*

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Stephanie Butler was born on March 28, 1986, to Steve and Christine (Cloe) Butler in Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated from St Mary's High School in Kansas City and attended Kansas City Community College.

Between Stephanie's Junior and Senior years of High School, she signed her name on the dotted line and joined the Army on her 17th birthday. She went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, between her Junior and Senior years of High School to complete her Basic Training. After completing Basic Training, she returned to Kansas City to complete her senior year of High School.

Upon graduating high school, she went to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lee, Virginia. She served at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, until being deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006.

While serving in Iraq, Stephanie was injured when a mortar hit the base where she was located. She spent some time at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. After being released from Walter Reed, Stephanie went back to Fort Campbell. She was then deployed to Afghanistan. Her tour ended in 2009.

Because she was injured when the mortar hit the base in Iraq, Stephanie was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Along with the Purple Heart Medal, Stephanie earned the Army Commendation Medal with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service

Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver "W" Bar; Global War on Terrorism Service; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 bronze service star; and the Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 bronze service stars.

Stephanie was discharged from the Army on March 11, 2011.

Stephanie reflected on her time in the service. She thinks the most interesting thing she did in the military was to travel to other countries. She had never left the United States until then. Also, the best advice she ever received was to embrace every situation for exactly what it is, to believe in God, and to know that she would make it back home to her family.

After leaving the Army, Stephanie became an Assistant Coordinator for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. She works for the Adjutant General in Administrative Operations. She is a Life Member of VFW Post 5789 in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Stephanie has two young sons. She says they are the love of her life.