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JEFFREY A. O'FLYNN
UNITED STATES ARMY
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-7)
1987 – 2012

WOUNDED IN ACTION
as

**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT
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Honoring His Service and Sacrifice
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Sergeant Jeffrey O'Flynn, of the Springfield Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, serves as Deputy Commander for Cadets. Sergeant O'Flynn is a combat vet who served many years in the United States Army, including his first 21 years as a medic and his last four years as a human intelligence collector (as an interrogator in Afghanistan).

Sergeant O'Flynn served with Operation Just Cause (Panama), Operation Gothic Serpent (Somalia), UN Security Forces Bosnia, International Security Forces (Kosovo), Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was awarded three Purple Heart Medals.

His first Purple Heart was awarded in 1993 after being shot in his lower leg during combat in Somalia.

His second Purple Heart was awarded in 2003 in Iraq, along with the Bronze Star (for valor). There, he was injured while rescuing another soldier from a burning tank. An explosion sent shrapnel into his arms as he and the soldier he was carrying were blown off the tank.

His third Purple Heart was awarded in 2004 in Iraq after being severely injured by a roadside bomb. Sergeant O'Flynn and his partner (a CC whom he had trained) were driving a route known as "IED Alley" along with 11 other vehicles. That IED killed 22 soldiers, including his own partner. That loss of life was more devastating to him than his injuries: a crushed right side from the hip down and traumatic brain injury (TBI), which left him hospitalized for two years.

In addition to his Purple Hearts, Sergeant O'Flynn received numerous other awards, citations, and medals during his years of service. They include: Bronze Star medal with V device, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal x3, Good Conduct Medal x6, Humanitarian Service Medal x2, Armed Forces Expedition Medal x3, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal,

Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Liberation of Kuwait (Saudi Arabia), Southwest Asia Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Some of Sergeant O'Flynn's best memories of serving were from his experiences as a drill sergeant, where he enjoyed the role of guiding and mentoring new soldiers. He utilized methods of instilling discipline and respect, which included just a bit of humor. He enjoyed being an instructor for medics, where he sought to inspire critical thinking skills.

Sergeant O'Flynn also served as a ranger with Special Operations, participating in covert operations. As a paratrooper, he completed 295 jumps, including specialized jumps: HALO (high altitude, low opening) and HAHA (high altitude, high opening). One of his most memorable jumps was in 2017 with his dog, Searg, whom he had saved.

The Rachel Donelson Chapter, NSDAR, would like to thank Sergeant O'Flynn for his courage, sacrifice, and service to our country. We are grateful for his willingness to allow the Rachel Donelson Chapter, NSDAR, Daughters to honor him and to remember those who served alongside him, whose stories he shared. We are grateful for his willingness to share stories that help us to better understand and appreciate the price paid for our freedom.