



SERGEANT JOSH DOTSON US MARINE CORPS

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Manchester native Josh Dotson graduated from North Carroll High School in 2006. He went on to obtain a criminal justice degree from Shippensburg University in 2010. After Josh graduated from college he worked as a bartender at Greenmount Station in Hampstead until he figured out exactly what he wanted to do with his life. He began to look at the military as an option. After some research and a visit with a Marine recruiter he became confident that the Marine Corps would be the branch for him.

In September 2012 after enlisting in the infantry, Josh found himself on the way to the beautiful Marine Corps Recruit Depot Paris Island. He graduated from there in December and his infantry training in March of 2013.

Josh was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in Kaneohe Bay Hawaii as a rifleman. Due to his hard work, attention to detail and work ethic Josh has been promoted to Sergeant and is currently a squad leader in Company F where he is responsible for the training, safety and well-being of twelve fellow Marines.

Josh has been deployed twice to the Pacific with the 3rd Marine Division to train other nation's militaries including the Republic of Korea (ROK) Marines and the Philippine Marines which he said was a great experience.

Josh has aggressively pursued training graduating from the Advanced Infantryman's

Course in Kaneohe Bay, HI and Foreign Weapons Instructor Course in Quantico, VA

Josh was a member of the winning squad in the highly competitive 2015 3rd Marine Division Squad Competition where infantry squads from all over the Marine Corps compete in Okinawa, Japan.

Josh is thrilled to be stationed in Hawaii where he says people travel from around the world to vacation. When asked if Josh is enjoying the Marine Corps he said "I truly enjoy the sense of pride and brotherhood which is second to none". He loves being a part of the Marine Corps' rich history and working with men and women willing to go wherever and whenever their country calls upon them.

So what does the future hold for Josh, his goal is to cross over to the officer side hoping to attend OCS at the end of 2016. The prospect of being a Marine Infantry Officer is very appealing to Josh. He said he thoroughly enjoys taking a group of new Marines and pushing them through an intense fast-paced work up and leading them through a deployment. This is how you develop the next group of Marine Corps leaders.

Josh says he really misses Manchester only returning about once a year for two weeks but he has made many close friends with his fellow marines. Josh is also making the most of Hawaii where he enjoys hikes with the

guys, jeep tours of the islands and free diving.

Josh ended our discussion by saying "I love my country and without a doubt I have no regrets about my service in the United States Marines". Josh's friends and community certainly miss him but are thankful we have dedicated young men and women like him serving our great country.



Josh with His Team



To Recommend A Featured Soldier

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2015 Carroll County Veteran of The Year – SSG Rachel Walter

SSG Rachel Walter was selected by Business Advocates for Veterans as the 2015 Carroll County Veteran of the Year. Commissioner Richard Weaver (a veteran himself) present SSG Walter with a plaque and a proclamation issued from the county

for her dedicated service. SSG Walter was recognized for her extraordinary service while serving with the 200th Military Police Company while deployed in Afghanistan in support of Special Forces. SSG Walter is a graduate of Westminster High School and Carroll Community College. At the age of 39 years old, she decided it was time to serve her country and enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard. She continues to live in Westminster and is also a qualifying member of the Army National Guard's Marathon team.



Commissioner Weaver presenting award along with Todd Mitchell Director of Business Advocates for Veterans



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