



Gary R. Myers
CPL – Us Marine Corps
Afghanistan, Iraq

Cpl. Gary Myers came from a Navy rich family. His grandfather, Robert Myers, was a Master Chief Petty Officer and his mother, Dayna Myers, retired as a Petty Officer 1st Class, both in the Navy. After seeing what on 9/11, Gary Myers knew what he wanted to do immediately after high school. He joined the Marines to be as close to the action possible.

After Boot Camp in 2002 was at Paris Island, S.C. and Infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Gary served from 2003 -2005 Gary with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Division and deployed with them in 2004 to Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan, CPL Myers served as a Rifleman/Mortar crew member. Upon return from Afghanistan Gary went to Infantry Mortars Leaders course and became a Mortar Team Leader. During the work up for his 2005 deployment to Iraq, Gary became a Mortar Section Leader. During a June 28th 2005 convoy, CPL Myers' humvee was hit by an IED which sent the vehicle rolling.

After re-enlisting CPL Myers was transferred to 29 Palms, CA from 2006 to 2009 where he became an Urban Warfare Instructor. Every Marine unit had to come through this training before being deployed overseas. CPL Myers helped train Marines such as Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Dakota Meyer, Former Pittsburgh Steeler CPL Jeremy Staat, and many other Marines who all deserve recognition for their service to our country. CPL Myers continues in his efforts to help veterans get help they need for PTSD. He feels it is important these returning veterans get the help they need so the number of veterans committing suicide due to PTSD is cut down.

Myers earned the Combat Action Ribbon (x2), Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (x2), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Navy Sea Service Deployment Medal (x3).

A 2002 Mercer high School graduate, CPL Myers and his wife, Kristi enjoy raising a 7 month old daughter Lana.