## **David Schutt**



SPC David Schutt is a graduate of Alex M. Martino Jr. High and Lincoln-Way Central High School, class of 2006. He enlisted into the army in January 2009. After completing basic training in June of 2009 he went on to his first assignment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There, he completed training which included drivers training and basic medical certification at various locations, including Pohakaloa Training Center on the big island of Hawaii, and the National training center in the Mohave Desert, California. During this time he also gained certification to operate unmanned air vehicles (UAVs).

David deployed to Iraq in June of 2010 where he assisted with OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and transitioned into OND (Operation New Dawn) throughout Diyala province, Iraq. This was a crucial turning point in our efforts in the Middle East. His unit, 1-21 infantry battalion also known as the "Gimlets" out of the 25th ID "infantry division", helped to restructure and train the Iraqi Army to prepare them to defend themselves. David worked one-on-one with Iraqi soldiers covering basic infantry skills and tactics.

Currently, David is preparing to attend WLC (Warrior Leaders Course) in Hawaii. This month long training will prepare him for promotion to sergeant, and develop his skills as a leader. David just reenlisted to serve four more years, where he will be assigned to the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment in Washington D.C. The 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. "The Old Guard" is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the President, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance.