

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TASK FORCE ON THE CARE, MANAGEMENT AND TRANSITION OF
RECOVERING WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

**MASTER SERGEANT BRETT HIGHTOWER
UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

During his second deployment in 2007-2008, Master Sergeant (MSG) Brett Hightower was assigned in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan as an Embedded Trainer with the Afghanistan National Police. After being wounded by an enemy hand grenade and small arms fire on August 16, 2008, he was medically evacuated to Germany and later to Walter Reed Medical Center. He is currently recovering and assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), Alpha Company, Fort Knox, KY. During his deployment he was responsible for mentoring, training, leadership, and the security of his assigned region in Gerdia Seri Afghanistan. MSG Hightower's military career started his junior year of college when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Immediately following basic training, MSG Hightower was activated November 1990 through April 1991 for Desert Storm. He graduated in 1992 from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication. After completing his obligation in the Marine Corps Reserves he joined the Kentucky National Guard April 1997. MSG Hightower was again activated in November 2002 for Operation Enduring Freedom with the 2/123rd out of Bowling Green, KY. He was a member of the Scout Platoon and conducted patrols throughout the operational area in Bosnia in order to enhance security. When MSG Hightower is not fulfilling his obligation to his country with the Kentucky National Guard he is a member of the Bowling Green Police Department. He was hired as a patrolman in 1994, promoted to Sergeant in 2001, and to the rank of Captain in 2005. He was assigned to the Training Unit prior to his mobilization and will return upon the completion of his military duties. He has also acted as the Commander of the Bowling Green Police Department's Critical Response Team. MSG Hightower is the recipient of numerous military awards.