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MILITARY TITLE

Former U.S. Army Sergeant Summer Moore

Hero Name

Summer Moore

Fiancé's Name

Aiden McTighe

Children's Names & Ages

Talullah Faye McTighe – 18m

Where were you born?

Champaign, IL

Where did you grow up?

Dewitt, IL

Where are you located now?

Monee, IL in the Southside suburbs of Chicago

Branch of the Military

United States Army

Military Status

Honorable Discharge

Military Rank

E5 / SGT / Sergeant

Job Duty Title

92Y- Unit Supply Specialist

Job description when you were hurt.

“Attached to an Infantry Company as a Female Searcher (assisting the unit with





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searching female suspects and children) while serving in Iraq.”

Periods of Service

9/2005 – 8/2009

Where you served

Ft Carson, Colorado and Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq

Units/Squadrons assigned to

2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment

When and where did you join the military and why did you join?

“I joined in Sept 2005 out of Decatur, IL military recruiter station and sworn in at St. Louis Military Entrance Processing Station. (MEPS) I joined because I found myself making all the wrong choices in life. I had no goals and no promise of any kind of future whatsoever. I needed to get away from the life I was in and so I thought what would get me out of here and help me better myself? Two weeks later, I left for Basic Training. Best decision I have ever made for myself.”

Awards

Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star and more.

Please provide a brief history of your military career, including tours, awards given, and commendations received.

“I attended basic training in Ft Jackson, SC and AIT at Ft Lee, VA. When I was assigned to my first duty station at Ft Carson, CO we were originally part of a Brigade Support Battalion. I was the Supply Clerk at for my company, Fox Company who was made up of truck drivers and mechanics. About 6 months into being at Ft



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Carson, we came down on orders to go to Iraq and our Company was going to be attached to 2-12 Infantry Battalion. When we deployed, there were 4 girls out of 800 men. We were stationed at FOB Falcon which was in the red zone right outside of Baghdad. A few weeks of being in Iraq, I found out that I was not going to be doing supply for F CO and that they were going to form what would be called a Female Lioness Team. From then on, I was assigned to different squads daily amongst the Infantry Battalion we were attached to, to go out on missions of searching houses for insurgents and search all women and children. On my first mission, the squad leader of the mission and I discovered over 80lbs of Homemade Explosives which was found to be linked to an attack on Americans the previous day by using it to make roadside bombs. It was on these missions where I received Combat Action Badge from being involved in multiple fire fights. I also was attached to a PSY-OPS company out of North Carolina where I was the designated Female Searcher as well. While this was happening and before I was a NCO, I was nominated to be sent to compete for Soldier of the Month against other soldiers who were all infantry. I won Soldier of the Month and from there was sent to Soldier of the Quarter to compete against the other winners of the months who also were all infantry where again I won. From there I was sent to Soldier of the Year where I would compete against all the winners in the entire Brigade however, I did not win. (I was told it was a close call for first, but I got second.) Because of my achievements in Iraq, I accelerated very fast in rank amongst my deployment in Iraq. When I arrived in Iraq, I was a rank of PV2. In 1 year's time, I was sent to the board to earn my E-5 NCO rank which I achieved. I am very proud of that accomplishment because I know it wasn't handed to me and I earned it by proving

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that I could handle myself on dangerous missions with infantry and PSY-OPS with being a Supply Clerk and proving that beating out fellow infantrymen for the Soldier of the Month and Soldier of the Quarter in front of a panel of First Sergeants and Sergeant Majors who were also all Infantrymen.”

Please tell us a little about your family

“My fiancé Aidan and I met in San Francisco over five years ago and we have been inseparable since the day we left. He has been with me through my darkest times over the course of the past three years when I was at my lowest point in life. Since we first submitted there has been an addition to our family. Talullah is almost 18 months old now and she is our heart and soul. I have been enjoying my role as Full Time Mommy and feel blessed that I am able to be at home and raise our daughter. Aidan got a job at the Amazon located right here in Monee. He loves it and is thriving there.”

What are your plans for the future?

“Our plans for the future are simple! We will continue to raise our sweet little toddler and watch her grow. Aidan is looking forward to furthering his career at Amazon and I am looking into taking some online college courses in the future. As for our home, when I graduate from the program, we plan on adding in a patio, fire pit/gathering place sit enjoy at night, and install fencing around the back of the property so our little pug dog Royal can roam free.”