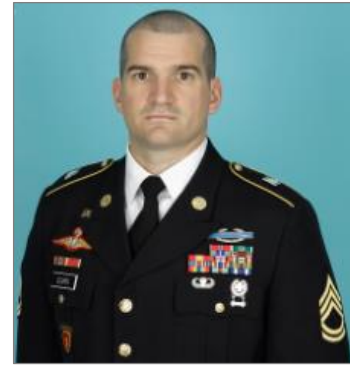




# United States Army

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SFC Dennis Quirk is an Infantry Noncommissioned Officer with twelve years of service in the United States Army. He joined the U.S. Army in 2004 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, GA. After Basic Training and Infantry Advanced Individual Training, he attended Airborne School. He then reported to 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 509 Infantry (ABN), 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in Fort Richardson, AK, and subsequently deployed twice with the "Geronimo's."

SFC Quirk's first deployment was 14 months to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in late 2006. He served as an Automatic Rifleman and Team Leader on this deployment which saw his company move around the Brigade's area of operations regularly spending a majority of the time south of Baghdad and outside of Fallujah in Karmah, Iraq. Upon completion of this deployment SFC Quirk returned to Fort Richardson, AK where he was promoted to Sergeant and assumed Squad Leader duties. After a 14-month train up SFC Quirk then deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) early 2009 for 12 months. He spent the entirety of the deployment at COP Zerok in Paktika Province. On this deployment SFC Quirk was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

SFC Quirk then PCS'd to Fort Jackson, SC. During his two years there he served as range Cadre for the hand grenade range for 10 months; facilitating hand grenade training for up to 480 Basic Training Soldiers a day. He then instructed tactics for the AITPSG course for 14 months within the Leader Development Division. Following his two years of instructor time SFC Quirk PCS's to Fort Drum, NY.

Upon his arrival to Fort Drum, NY he was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, 71<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron to serve as a Reconnaissance Team Leader. SFC Quirk served two years with this unit, 9 months of which was deployed in support of OEF in 2013. SFC Quirk was then selected for promotion to SFC and transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion to serve as a Platoon Sergeant. SFC Quirk then served two years with this unit in which he deployed to Iraq for 9 months in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) in 2015.

SFC Quirk holds an Associate's degree in Counter Terrorism Studies from American Military University (2012). He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. SFC Quirk's military education includes Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leaders Course, maneuver Senior Leaders Course, Airborne School, the Army's Basic Instructor Course, Master Resilience Trainer Course, Combatives Level 1 and Combat Life Saver.

SFC Quirk's awards and decoration include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (six awards), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (four awards), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Service Medal (3 service stars), the Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 service stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Medal (five awards), the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge and Thailand Parachutist Badge.

SFC Quirk has been married for 7 years to his wife, Shay. They have two children, Ronan, 3, and Killian 1.