

Stewart Jones enlisted for military service and was a trained medic with the US Army/Army National Guard. He was a Sergeant at the time of his discharge.

Speaking of a time he served oversea, Stewart said, "The first thing we do when we get there – we were told by American guys, go down this certain street and turn right – you will get shot at." He said the Taliban had the area targeted. "The Taliban knew the range of the mortars they had locked on the road."

Driving out to a rural area, he noticed RPG sticks. "They were being used for farming utensils in the agriculture district. There was a canal on the left. berm on the right. We noticed major villages that had Taliban in them. We saw a motorcycle and the guy and us had a visual standoff. We weren't sure if each other were 'bad' or 'good'."

"I don't regret time in the service but wouldn't do it again. There is a lot of eagle scout attitude. Developed into being a warrior."

Stewart said, "After you see the totality of things and see for yourself, you realize things more than ninety percent of the people in this country don't know."

His military education included a course in Emergency Medical. He used skills when deployed to imminent danger areas Operation SW Asia and Saudi Arabia. He also served with the Guard on other missions, including Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area.

Stewart received the Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2) Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/m device (2), Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver,

"I feel like I had a great life as a young person. I had good parents and went to a good school. I don't think it is out of our bleeding hearts that we were in Afghanistan. There was a shitload of money involved."