BIO of



Master Sergeant (MSG) Sean Clifton Special Forces Intelligence Sergeant (18F/18Z) 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) SOCOM, Special Operations Detachment - Europe



MSG Sean Clifton has over 20 years in the military, 14 of those being in US Army Special Forces. MSG Clifton is currently a Special Forces Intelligence Sergeant (MOS - 18F/18Z) with a SOCOM Detachment in the Army National Guard. MSG Clifton has multiple tours of combat to Iraq and Afghanistan where his primary responsibility was that of Intelligence and Targeting Cell Leader on an ODA (Special Forces A-Team).

During his last deployment to Afghanistan, on **May 31st, 2009**, MSG Clifton was critically wounded while conducting a raid on a Taliban compound. Upon clearing a doorway of a Taliban leader's compound, he was shot multiple times by Taliban fighters. Two of the rounds were critical; one hit his left arm, shattering the wrist and rendering his left arm useless. Another round hit just under his body armor, entering his left waistline, critically wounding 5 major organs to include the sciatic nerve and major vascular damage. The medics kept him alive on the battlefield and he then spent over 6 months at Walter Reed Army Medical Center undergoing over 20 surgical procedures, which continue to this day.

MSG Clifton's awards include: The Bronze Star Medal (Valor), Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal (Valor), Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Service Medal, GWOT Service Medal, et al.

MSG Clifton earned a Bachelor's Degree (BCJ – Homeland Security) and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice (MSCJ – Homeland Security) from Tiffin University. He is currently attached to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in Columbus, OH (Cincinnati Division) as an Operations Specialist and Tactical Analyst.

MSG Clifton has been married for over 12 years to his wife, Sarah. They have three boys (ages of 8, 6, and 4 years) and live in Dublin, OH. Additional information regarding MSG Clifton's survival story can be found at: <u>http://surviveandthrive.ws/Home.html</u>

