



Meet Our New Military Makeover Family

Introducing the Daniels of Deerfield Beach, FL



Michael & Heather Daniels

Michael Daniels was born and raised in East Quogue, New York and joined the Marine Corps shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. He spent 4 years in the Marines and served 2 tours in Iraq where he experienced some of the most difficult and dramatic fighting of the war. During his first tour in 2003 he was part of the invasion and his unit pushed all the way from Kuwait to north of Baghdad.

While serving his second tour in Iraq in 2004, Michael engaged in some of the fiercest fighting against the Mahdi Militia in the city of Najaf. In August he was involved in the nearly month-long battle that took place within the Wadi-us-Salaam, the largest cemetery in the Muslim world. The cemetery covers an area of approximately 7 square miles. At one-point Michael's Marines took part in a pitched four-day battle inside the cemetery. Michael received commendations for his actions during the battle, including manning his weapon while exposed to continual mortar and sniper fire for over ten hours in temperatures reaching over 120 degrees. He was recognized for suppressing targets on rooftops as he provided covering fire for the Marines around him. As the company advanced Michael's quick reactions to enemy fire eliminated two snipers. The following day under persistent fire from nearby buildings, he aggressively maneuvered the Marines into better positions while again suppressing enemy fire. In the course of the battle Michael and another Marine were hit by grenade fragments. Michael picked up his comrade and moved him to safety before returning to the fight. For his conduct under fire Michael was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a "V" for Valor for heroic achievement.



Lance Corporal, USMC, Michael Daniels

Today Michael is 100% permanently and totally disabled. He continues to suffer from severe PTSD, three traumatic brain injuries as well as knee, ankle, and back injuries.

His wife Heather tells us, "Serving as a Marine is the best thing Michael has ever done and he does not regret a single day of his time served. He is extremely proud of what he has accomplished and how he fought so bravely for our country."

Heather Kametler Daniels worked as an Anesthesia Technician from 2013 to 2018 and cites as a privilege the opportunity she had to volunteer her medical skills on a medical mission to Bangkok, Thailand in 2016. She volunteered as a member of an anesthesia team for surgery of cleft-lip and palate repairs for the organization Healing the Children. This inspired her to continue her education and become a Registered Nurse. Heather graduated at the top of her class in December of 2019 and is now a Neuro Intensive Care Registered Nurse; a position not easily attained by new nursing graduates.



Michael & his fellow Marines

Heather's nursing career had just begun in March of 2020 which rapidly turned into the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. She continues to care for intensive-care COVID-19 patients; many of whom do not survive. Heather believes this is her call to duty and time to serve; just as her husband Michael did in the military.

Michael and Heather recently bought their first home in Deerfield Beach, FL. Their (official) wedding was to have taken place in Fort Lauderdale, FL in May 2020, but when the Covid-19 pandemic hit they had to cancel their plans six weeks before the date. They went to the courthouse anyway to seal the deal and they can't wait to celebrate with family and friends in 2021! **Officially!**



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