

## DUSTIN HEARD



### Background

- United States Marine Corps (Corporal)
- 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines (2003 to 2004)
- Security Force Battalion, First Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team (FAST) Company (2000 to 2003)
- School of Infantry Graduate, Camp Pendleton, California
- Basic Security Guard Graduate, Northwest Security Station, Virginia
- Advanced Machine Gun Leadership Course Graduate, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

### Deployments

- Deployment with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines to Afghanistan (2003): Served as a gunner, vehicle commander, and driver, and served on multiple training deployments that consisted of advanced weapon handling skills, target identification, and convoy operations.
- Deployment with FAST Company to Bahrain (2002-2003), Kuwait (2003), and Iraq (2003): Secured oil platforms off the coast of Iraq during the 2003 invasion of Iraq; Served as a security guard and machine gun gunner, and served on extensive training deployments that consisted of securing embassies from hostile threats, close quarter battle tactics with “shoot/no-shoot” scenarios, and machine gun operation in hostile and high profile environments.

### Awards and Commendations

- Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Embassy Baghdad (2007)
  - “Outstanding professionalism and commitment to the safety and security of the United States Embassy” and Vice President Richard Cheney
- Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Embassy Baghdad (2007)
  - “Outstanding service” in securing the Ministry of Parliament building
- Letter from William Taylor, Director, Iraq Reconstruction Management Office (2005)
  - “In the most dangerous areas of the country and in ultra-high risk conditions, [Heard] was instrumental in ensuring my safety” and “conducted himself with the highest levels of professionalism, integrity, and tactical capability. Without reservation, I would strongly recommend him in any similar future position requiring decisiveness and good judgment.”
- Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Embassy Baghdad (2005)
  - “Outstanding service [in protecting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice] . . . during her trip to Baghdad, Iraq . . . Despite the current critical threat environment, the Secretary was able to fulfill those duties because of the secure environment that [Heard] provided.”
- Awards from the United States Marine Corps (2002-2004)
  - Certificate of Commendation
  - Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal;
  - Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
  - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
  - National Defense Service Medal
  - Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal