

Master Sergeant Justin Shaffer was born in York, Pennsylvania on November 24th, 1985. His parents raised him in Southern York County in the town of Brogue, PA. He enlisted into the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) in 2003. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Upon completion of training, he earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 91W, Healthcare Specialist, now 68W, Combat Medic. Throughout his career, he also earned the MOS 11B, Infantryman. He is married to his wife, Amanda. They reside together in Ephrata, PA with their two children Cody and Mackenzie.

Assignments: Master Sergeant Shaffer's assignments and duty positions include medic, E Co 728th Main Support Battalion (MSB), Lancaster, PA; combat medic, HHC 1-109th Infantry (Mech), Iraq; evacuation team leader, HSC 628th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), Annville, PA; medic/cadre PAARNG Recruiting & Retention Battalion GED-plus program, Annville, PA; Combat Medic Instructor, 4-166 Regiment (REGT) Medical Battalion Training Site (MBTS), Annville, PA; Operations Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), HHC 2-104 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), Annville, PA, Kuwait, Iraq; and Chief of Training for the Battle Staff NCO Course, 3-166 REGT Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA), Annville, PA.

Education:

Master Sergeant Shaffer graduated from the Red Lion Area Senior Highschool in 2003. He currently attends Grand Canyon University. He holds a certification as an EMT with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). His military education includes Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME) I/II, Master Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Basic NCO Course, Warrior Leader Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Army Basic Instructor Course (ABIC), Small Group Instructor/Trainer Course (SGITC), Common Faculty Development Instructor Course (CFD0-IC), Army National Guard (ARNG) Medical Readiness Manager Course, Master Resiliency Trainer (MRT) Course, and the Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course (FCBC).

Awards:

Master Sergeant Shaffer's awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6), Army Achievement Medal (3), Army Good Conduct Medal (5), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M/10-yr), Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (2), Thomas J. Stewart Medal (3), Thomas R. White Jr. Medal, Navy Unit Commendation (2), Governor's Unit Citation, Combat Medic Badge, Basic Military Mountaineer Badge, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.