

## **Affiliation**

Spencer VFW and American Legion Peterson Lions

## **Biography**

Graduated from Spencer High School in 1988

Joined the Iowa Army National Guard, 1<sup>st</sup>/194<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Unit, Spencer, IA in 1987

Joined the United States Air Force in 1989 until 1997 as an Aerospace Ground Equipment Technician

Transferred to the Iowa Air National Guard, Sioux City, IA, 185<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. In 1999 became a Security Forces Craftsman. In 2007 became a First Sergeant for the Security Forces Squadron until 2014.

Deployed to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Germany and Afghanistan

Hired onto the Storm Lake Police Dept. from 2000 as a patrol man. In 2004 I was promoted to Detective until 2006.

Hired on by the Clay County Sheriff's Office in 2006 until 2016 where I was also elected Sheriff. I took over the Sheriff position in 2017.

Certified Emergency Medical Technician since 1998

Royal Fire Dept., and EMT from 2007 to present.

Clay County Emergency Medical Services Council 2009 to present, currently Vice President.

Medical Examiner Investigator for Clay County since 2008.

Critical Incident Stress Management, Counselor since 2004.

## **Awards**

Awarded the Law Enforcement Medal of Valor, 2003, with the SLPD

**Military Rewards** Meritorious Service Medal Air Force Commendation Medal Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal Afghanistan Campaign Medal Humanitarian Service Medal Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Iowa National Guard Meritorious Service Medal

**Personal Information** Married to Sandi, son Alex, granddaughter Olivia and daughter Elizabeth