

Affiliation

Spencer VFW and American Legion
Peterson Lions

Biography

Graduated from Spencer High School in 1988

Joined the Iowa Army National Guard, 1st/194th 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, 185th 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 Elizabeth and daughter Elizabeth