

Luke Murphy Brief Biography



Staff Sergeant Luke Murphy, U.S. Army (Retired) grew up in Palm City, Florida. At age 17, he enlisted in the Florida National Guard. In 2002, Luke terminated his National Guard contract in order to enlist in the Army as an Infantryman. He was assigned to one of the Army's most decorated divisions, the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Luke led a three-man fire team during the 2003 invasion of Iraq and returned to Iraq for a second tour of duty in 2005. Shortly before completing this second tour, he was catastrophically wounded by an IED which resulted in the loss of his right leg above the knee as well as seriously mangling his left leg. Luke was awarded several commendations including the coveted Purple Heart. He spent his last year as an active duty soldier at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center.

Luke has undergone 32 surgeries and extensive physical therapy since being wounded in 2006. SSG Murphy was medically retired after 7-1/2 years of service to his country. As part of his rehabilitation, he began competing in marathons, traveling across the globe with the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans. He was also recruited to serve on the National Campaign Team for the Wounded Warrior Project. NCT members share their stories to raise awareness for the most recently injured servicemen and women while serving as an example of the successes one can achieve after injury. He's helped start philanthropies that allow wounded soldiers and service members to enjoy the outdoors, including hunting and fishing, through arrangements that accommodate their unique disabilities. And he recently became a recipient through Homes for Our Troops

<https://www.hfotusa.org>.

After his injury, Luke returned to college, graduating with a degree in political science with a minor communications from Florida State University in 2011. He went on to earn his real estate license and became a partner with Southern Land Realty, specializing in large tracts of acreage and farmland.

Luke is a frequent keynote and motivational speaker. He has spoken to Fortune 500 companies, thousands at the Pentagon and given college and university commencement addresses. His memoir, "[Blasted by Adversity: the Making of a Wounded Warrior](#)" was published Memorial Day 2015.

