



Military Order of the Purple Heart

Charles W. (Chuck) Adkins, Jr., MAJ(r) US Army

Chuck Adkins entered military service in February 1980 as an enlisted member of Echo Troop, 151ST Armored Cavalry Regiment, 39TH Infantry Brigade, Arkansas Army National Guard. Upon graduation from the University of Central Arkansas in May 1981, Chuck was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, in the Regular Army and served on Active Duty until 30 May 2001 when he retired as a Major.

On 16 November 2005, Chuck was notified by the US Army Human Resources Command that he was being recalled to Active Duty for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After training at FT Jackson, SC, FT Carson, CO, and FT Hood, TX, MAJ Adkins was assigned as Commander/Team Leader of Military Transition Team (MiTT) 0413, Forward Operating Base (FOB) Poliwoda, City of Balad, Iraq, responsible for the training and equipping of the 3RD Battalion, 1ST Brigade, 4TH Iraqi Army Division. Upon successful completion of that mission, MAJ Adkins was reassigned as Commander/Team Leader of MiTT 0142, located at India Base, City of Fallujah, Iraq.

On 27 December 2006, MAJ Adkins' Team was moving thru the City of Al Karmah, Iraq, and the convoy came under small arms fire, an attack by a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED), and a buried IED killing four Iraqi Soldiers and wounding two Iraqi Army Soldiers, eight US Army Soldiers four US Marines and one Translator. As a result of his injuries, Chuck received the Purple Heart medal.

MAJ Adkins was finally able to re-retire on 09 July 2009 and accepted a Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) position as the Battalion S2/3 (Security and Operations Officer) for the Army Field Support Battalion-Fort Riley, KS

In March 2013, Chuck retired from his position at FT Riley, KS and returned to Fayetteville, AR where he lives with his wife, Kathy. They have two children (Christopher and Jennifer) and six grandkids. Chuck joined the Military Order of the Purple Heart in November 2012 and has served a Commander, Chapter 460, and Commander Department of Arkansas